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A Kurios Sight on Calgary Streets

With a juggling act, a couple backflips, and general mischief, the cast of Cirque de Soleil's latest show Kurios paraded down Stephen Avenue Wednesday to promote the show's last two weeks in Calgary. It runs until May 24. JENNIFER FRIESEN / FOR METRO

Shredding must end: Notley

POLITICS

Incoming premier wants destruction of files to stop

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Premier designate Rachel Notley demanded Wednesday that government departments stop shredding documents, as an investigation was launched following a tip from a whistleblower.

Both Information and Privacy Commissioner Jill Clayton and Public Interest Commissioner Peter Hourian announced their joint investigation after receiving the tip about documents being improperly destroyed within the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Resources Development following the defeat of the long-governing Progressive Conservatives in last week's election.

"I think Albertans want and need to know what is taking place," said Hourian.

Privacy Commissioner Jill Clayton RYAN TUMILTY / METRO

Pictures have also surfaced on social media of bags of shredded documents in the hallways of the legislature.

Hourian said the investigation has not determined anything and it's possible the shredded documents may have been handled appropriately.

"We're trying to determine if the allegations are correct," he said.

Notley is not formally premier yet and has no official power to order the public service, but her spokesperson Cheryl Oates said the NDP leader has been assured the document shredding will stop.

"The deputy minster has given her confidence they will comply," Oates said.

Clayton hopes to determine what instructions were given to staff about shredding documents and is open to expanding her investigation if more tips come forward.

"We need a place to start," she said. "The investigation could be expanded to other government departments as information becomes available."

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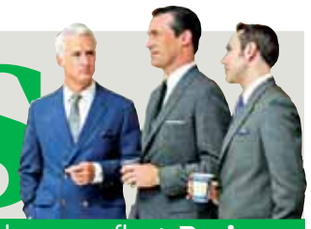


As Mad Men winds down, Canadian ad execs reflect. **Business**

DOGS

5 attacks in 5 days

A woman was knocked to the ground by two dogs at a Rundle bus stop on Wednesday afternoon, marking Calgary's fifth dog attack in five days.

Earlier in the morning, a dog lunged at a teenage girl in Dover, biting her left leg and calf. The girl described the dog as "pit bull-like," according to Alvin Murray, a manager with Animal and Bylaw Services. The owner fled the scene with the dog, prompting an investigation that was ongoing late Wednesday.

Murray told reporters on Wednesday pet owners should "start immediately with classes and training" for puppies at a young age.

Eighteen dog attacks have been confirmed this year, and the additional five since Saturday bring the count up to 23.

According to Ryan Jestin, director of Animal and Bylaw Services, there were approximately 400 dog bites in 2013, and in 2014 he said the number jumped to more than 500.

"I think that what we've seen over the last five days with five vicious dog attacks, predominately with pit bulls, is that quite clearly there's a public safety issue here," he said.

Jestin said he had a "brief discussion" with members of city council about future policy changes. He wasn't sure if a breed-specific ban would be discussed for the city, but went on to say: "There's a reason why the City of Toronto has banned them outright."

JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

'No parking' condo approved by council

HOUSING

Mayor shocked by unanimous support for development

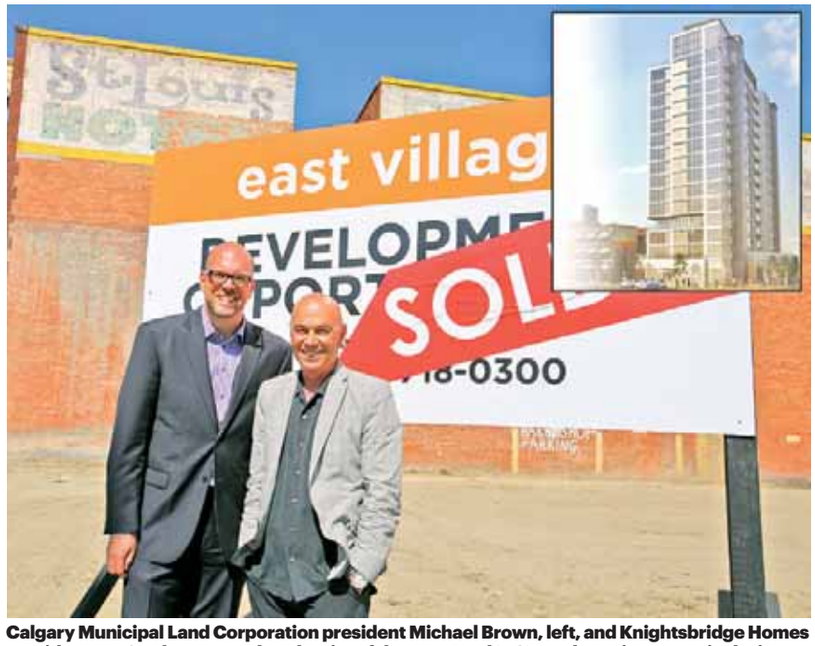
Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Calgary's first condo development that includes no space for motor vehicles was approved Wednesday by city council with not a single vote cast against the once-controversial idea.

"I did not expect that to pass unanimously," said a surprised Mayor Naheed Nenshi after all was said and done.

Dubbed "N3," the 167-unit condo tower is to be built adjacent to the old St. Louis Hotel in East Village by Knightsbridge Homes, the same developer behind the University City condos in Brentwood.

The project raised some eyebrows when it was first proposed last year in traditionally car-centric Calgary, and several councillors asked pointed questions about the impact it would have on street parking, but ultimately all were satisfied the project was the right fit for the urban area, located just a block away from the LRT line.



Calgary Municipal Land Corporation president Michael Brown, left, and Knightsbridge Homes president Joe Starkman stand on the site of the proposed 'N3' condo project, seen in the inset rendering. ROBSON FLETCHER /METRO FILE; INSET: CONTRIBUTED

While the project will be the first of its kind in Calgary, Knightsbridge President Joe Starkman said Wednesday he's not out to change the world with the parking-free condo, but rather fill a "gap in the marketplace."

"I'm not saying it's a deep market, but there is a market out there for young people to whom the car just isn't not a priority," he said. " They want to live and work downtown."

Building underground parking stalls can cost as much as $70,000 per unit, Starkman added, a cost potential buyers don't want passed on to them.

The condos will be sold fully furnished and range in price from $200,000 to $350,000, and included in the price of each unit will be a lifetime car2go membership and an "urban bicycle."

EDUCATION

CBE dodges busing questions

One day after it detailed plans to cut busing service this fall, Calgary's public school officials couldn't answer questions about why their organization's total costs for transportation have spiked in recent years while the Catholic district has kept its costs lower.

The Calgary Board of Education isn't raising annual busing fees above the $330 mark for the 2015-16 school year, but is planning a move to "congregated" stops and will no longer offer high school students a $19-per-month rebate on the passes they use to board Calgary Transit.

The CBE's fees, however, are already higher than those charged by fellow metro boards in Calgary and Edmonton and last year their overall transportation expenses shot up 9.5 per cent, while student growth only increased by 3.4 per cent.

A Metro analysis of the five most recent CBE operating budgets indicates transportation costs have spiked by 27.5 per cent, while the student population has only jumped 12.3 per cent.

The CBE responded to inquiries by issuing a statement saying the fees help "bridge the cost of busing students to and from school."

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Residents fed up with noise

AIR TRAVEL

'My house is not peaceful anymore'

Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

There's an entire city between their homes and Calgary International Airport, yet some west-side dwellers say they can't handle the constant racket of incoming and departing planes overhead.

"My house is not peaceful anymore. My neighbourhood is not peaceful anymore," said Strathcona Park mother Cathy Hockenhull. "That was all taken away from me with no warning."

She moved into the neighbourhood with her husband and two kids in January 2014 but said it wasn't until a parallel runway opened at the airport in late June, altering the flight paths around and over the city, that the noise began to bother her.

Hockenhull said she's counted as many as 20 planes pass over her home in a single hour.

"It's an extremely stressful hour," she said. "There's not a moment of silence, then another plane screeches over."

Sandra Burwash, who lives in nearby Signal Hill, has been keeping track of the planes too and said there's maybe a two-hour window in the dead of night when none are passing over. She and husband Bill bought their home as a retirement property 16 years ago and said they were enthralled with the view of the city skyline off their back deck. Now, however, she spends much of her time watching with dread as jets come toward her.

"I have to sleep with white noise, so I've always got fans going," Burwash said. "Our place, because it's a walkout, there's no place to hide. It's all windows."

Then there's Mary Nieman, who's lived in the area since 1992 but said that only since the parallel runway opened has she begun to experience constant headaches she believes are caused by the planes.

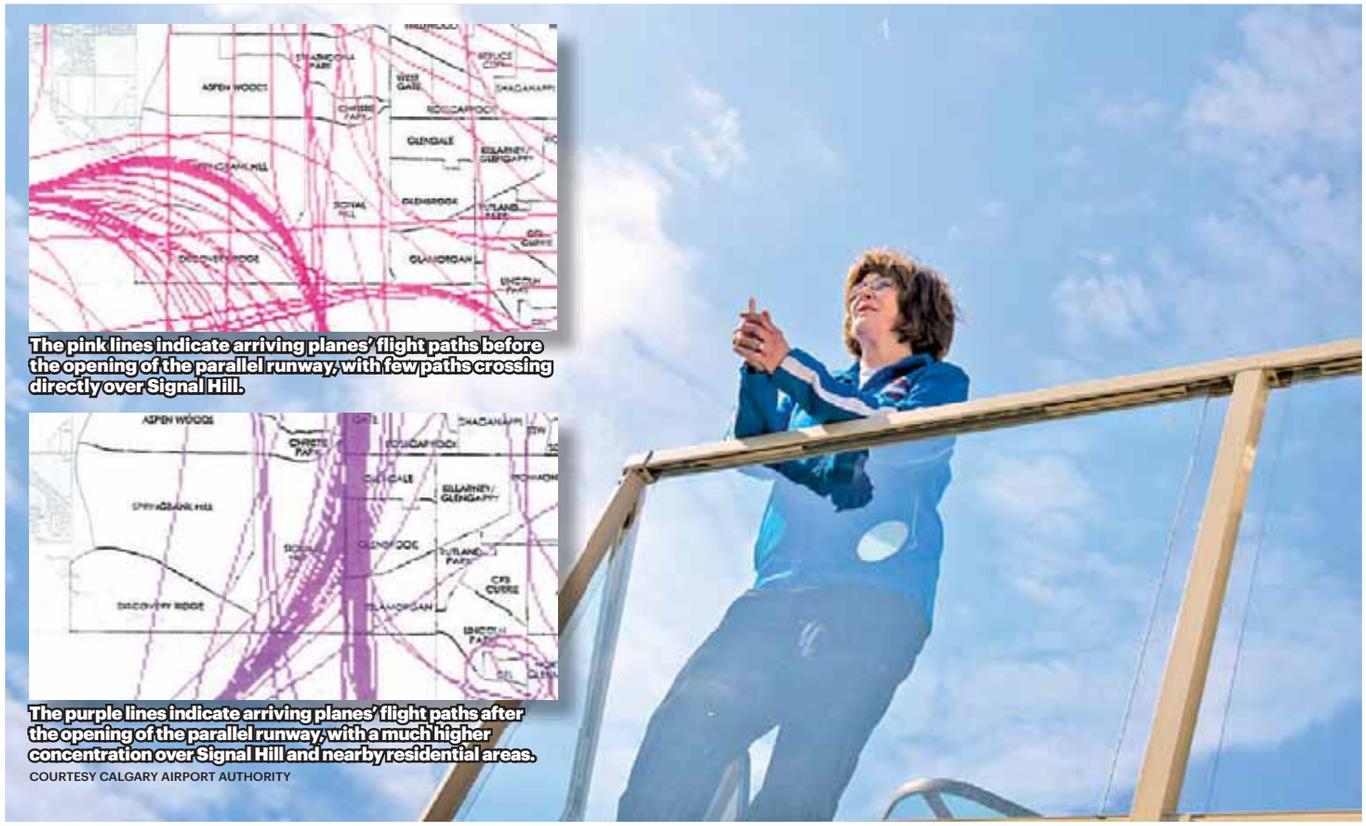
"They will sometimes be a minute apart and so low that my dogs will bark," she said.

Flight-pattern maps posted online that detail routes before and after the parallel runway opened indicate there is a much greater frequency of aircraft entering Calgary's airspace on Sarcee Trail and soaring directly over Signal Hill.

But Jody Moseley, spokeswoman for the Calgary Airport Authority, said those planes are a minimum of 3,500 feet above the highest point on the ground. By comparison, she said northeast communities situated closest to the airport see planes just 1,000 feet overhead.

While Moseley said engagement sessions about the changes at the airport last year were advertised citywide, west-end residents speaking to Metro say they believe their voices have been drowned out and only those living in close proximity to the airport are having any luck forcing changes.

Things could be changing in that regard, however, as members of the airport authority, including Moseley, were due to attend an open house in the area Thursday.



The pink lines indicate arriving planes' flight paths before the opening of the parallel runway, with few paths crossing directly over Signal Hill.

The purple lines indicate arriving planes' flight paths after the opening of the parallel runway, with a much higher concentration over Signal Hill and nearby residential areas.

COURTESY CALGARY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Signal Hill resident Sandra Burwash spends much of her day staring off her back deck for glimpses of incoming aircraft that she says constantly annoy and even go so far as to wake her up at times.. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

OPEN HOUSE

Residents complaining about flight noise in the city's west end are encouraging others experiencing similar issues in the area to attend a Ward 6 open house Thursday that will include appearances from members of the Calgary Airport Authority.

The open house runs from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Glamorgan Community Hall, located at 4207 41st Avenue S.W.

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ILLEGAL FIREARMS

Two charged in gun-trafficking probe

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

The Calgary Police Service have arrested two suspected gun-runners accused of feeding illegal firearms into Calgary's criminal underworld.

Gun-trafficking charges laid against David Robert Aeichele, 33, and Eric Michael Hebert, 33, have led police to launch a parallel investigation to two drive-by shootings earlier in the year to uncover the source of firearms.

Staff Sgt. Quinn Jacques said police believe the firearms used in the January and February shootings in northeast Calgary were purchased lawfully by Aeichele and Hebert, and were then trafficked to criminals.

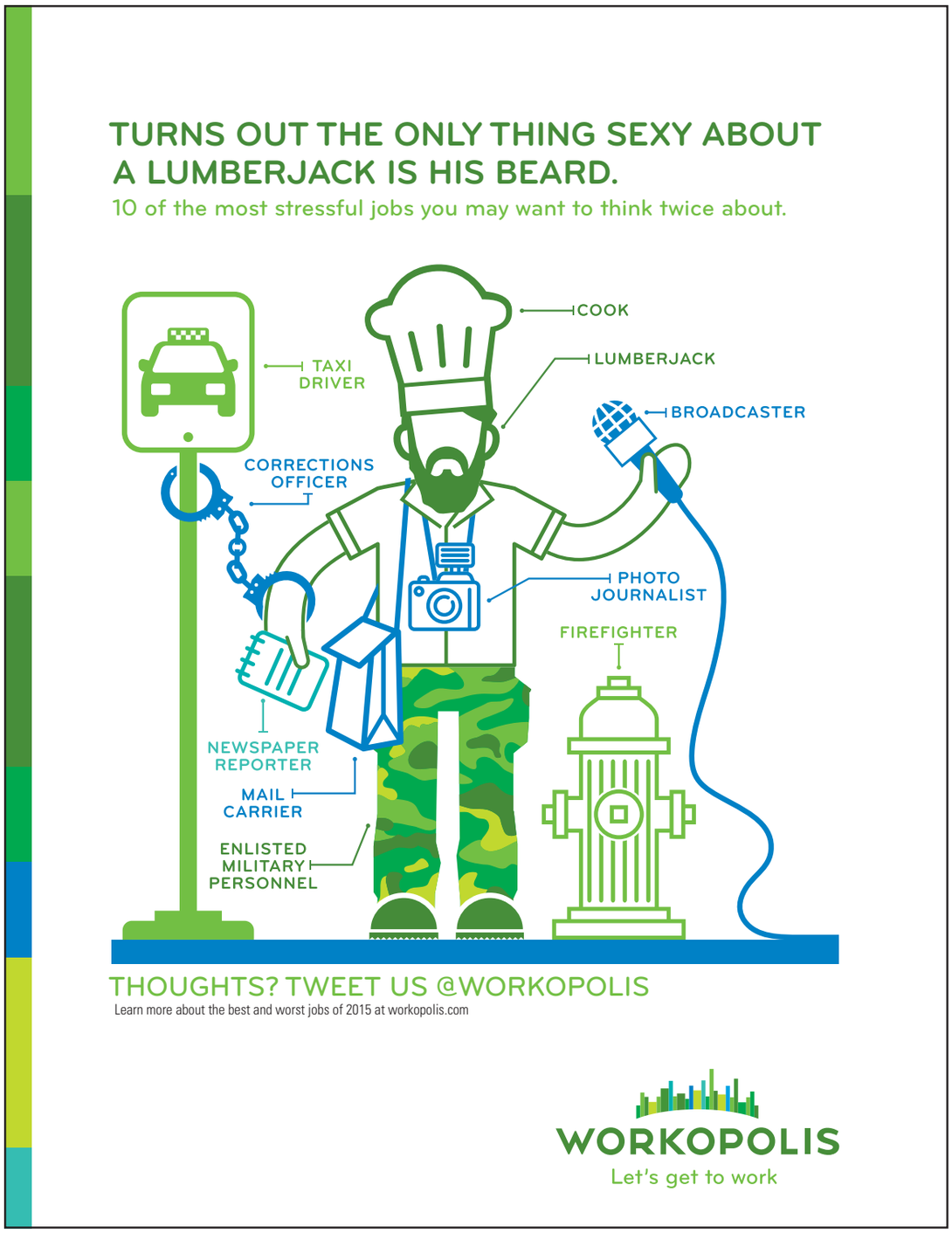
"The weapons were purchased in accordance with regulations, then were sold to persons who ultimately used them in a violent crime," Jacques explained. "For us to lay charges on the trafficking side is significant for us."

Jacques said the types of firearms used in the two drive-by incidents aren't valuable in any way — they're acquired for the sole purpose of committing a crime.

"They're designed to be used in an offence," he said. "If criminals have to take flight or discard evidence, these are essentially throwaway guns."

Following the execution of a search warrant on May 5 at a residence in the 1700 block of 28 Street SW, CPS laid charges against Hebert and Aeichele after confiscating several guns and illicit drugs.

Hebert is facing 11 charges of trafficking firearms, while Aeichele faces several firearms-related charges.



Former justice minister Jonathan Denis. METRO FILE

I was misled, Denis admits

CONTROVERSIAL TEXTS

Told ousted PC candidate he was being set up

Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

The province's former justice minister says he only warned ousted Tory nomination candidate Jamie Lall that he was being "set up" after being misled himself.

Jonathan Denis, who was among a slew of Progressive Conservative candidates defeated in the May 5 provincial election, said he had no knowledge of Lall's 2007 restraining order, which the party association decided was enough justification to disqualify him from the nomination contest in Chestermere-Rocky View.

In that riding, Lall would have been the sole challenger to the incumbent, Wildrose defector Bruce McAllister.

Lall's removal led to McAllister's acclamation, but the incumbent eventually lost the riding anyway to a Wildrose member.

The texts sent from Denis to Lall, which he provided to Metro during the election campaign, sent ripples through media and political circles.

One message that Denis sent Lall in March, which read "Buddy, you are being set up," led to a trending hashtag on Twitter.

But Denis, speaking publicly for the first time about the texts Tuesday, said that Lall withheld information from him.

"When it came to his nomination, he told me a set of facts that wasn't true and clearly I misplaced my trust and I'm sorry for that," Denis said.

Some, including Lall, have said the texts indicate there was a plot afoot in the Tory party to ensure McAllister was nominated.

In an interview Wednesday however, Lall said he only turned to Denis with rumours of such a plot and it was he who suggested the "set up."

"When you're the governing party, the party that's in power, you're supposed to be the gold standard so other parties look at that and say 'They do things internally above board,'" Lall said.

IN BRIEF

Police seek woman, 20, for information on slaying

Calgary police are once again seeking a woman who may have information on a homicide in April.

The 20-year-old woman, who was interviewed in late April in relation to the alleged murder of Rodney Conway, is being sought because "more information from her is required and police need to speak with her again." METRO

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Wolf runs wild in Westeros

DRAMA

Local trainer's Quigley stars on TV's Game of Thrones

Jeremy Nolais
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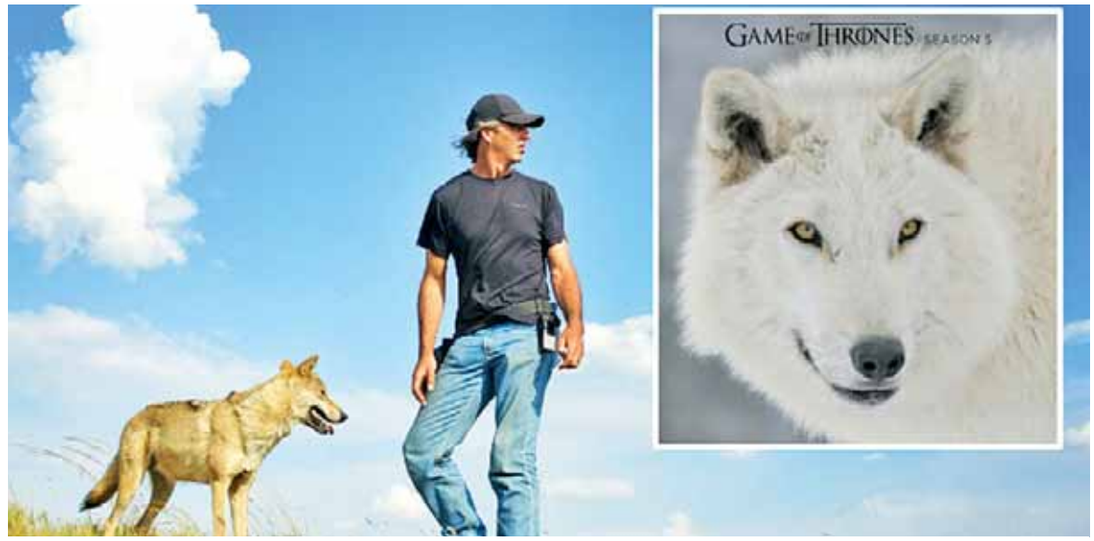

Famed movie animal trainer Andrew Simpson recently assisted with a shoot for the popular HBO series Game of Thrones, and one of his wolves, Quigley, right, will star in an episode of the show due to air May 24. COURTESY ANDREW SIMPSON

He's trained and cared for just outside of Calgary, but soon Quigley will star as the big wolf in Westeros.

The four-legged lupine, one of 30 belonging to area resident Andrew Simpson, is featured in a few scenes of the wildly popular HBO show Game of Thrones.

Simpson, through his company Instinct Animals For Film, has been training wolves and other animals for big-time Hollywood shoots for more than two decades. He's been involved in movie projects like Elf, Borat and the Final Destination series but he conceded being part of HBO's popular fantasy drama may be a credit that tops them all.

"The popularity of it, you mention Game of Thrones anywhere in the world and everybody knows it," he said.

Quigley stars in the show as Ghost, the direwolf belonging to fan favourite underdog Jon Snow. He actually appeared briefly in the already-aired Game of Thrones Season 5 premiere, but it's in scenes in the soon-to-air seventh episode where he really struts his stuff, Simpson said.

"In the first one (episode), he was in a courtyard with Jon Snow," Simpson recalled. "In the seventh one, he was doing a lot of snarling and attack stuff."

Simpson said the show's creators have actually been reaching out to him to be involved since the show began, but he spent the last three years shooting a massive project in China called Wolf Totem. At one point, when the direwolves were a bigger part of the plot, Game of Thrones producers attempted to bring him and his pack to Ireland.

Finally, this time around, they decided to come all the way to Calgary and filmed the scenes quietly in a city studio this past January.

Simpson said his prized pups and others in the species are greatly misunderstood, and he attempted to set the record straight with a 2011 documentary called Wolves Unleashed that starred his furry family.

The film took viewers behind the scenes of a frigid shoot in Siberia for the French film Loup.

Simpson said, beyond that, bringing high-profile productions like Game of Thrones to Alberta only helps to bolster the local film scene.

"They were extremely happy with everything they got, and hopefully they'll be back next year," he said of the show's crew.

Simpson's wolves were also recently involved in shooting some scenes for the Leonard DiCaprio film The Revenant, which is being shot locally.

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Kalissa Bellefeuille, customer care manager at the 420 Clinic, said she hopes the facility's grand opening on Wednesday served as a chance to educate and introduce the Inglewood-based clinic to its neighbourhood. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Facts of the 420 Clinic

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Patients hope new clinic will help dispel misconceptions

Morgan Modjeski
Metro | Calgary

Sami Ali has been in constant pain for more than a decade.

Suffering from the after-effects of a punctured disc and dislocated shoulder, he's been a medicinal marijuana user for several years.

He and other patients hope the opening of the new 420 Clinic in Calgary, which aims to help patients access medicinal marijuana, will also help educate the public.

"I think a lot of people look at it as, 'This is bad; we shouldn't be doing this,'" he said. "This gives people an opportunity to really take a close look at it and see what it does for people, people who are actually taking it and dealing with their pain."

Located in Inglewood, the 420 Clinic celebrated its grand opening Wednesday and will support patients as they go through the process of applying for medical marijuana, helping them with everything from filling out paperwork to connecting with doctors.

Kalissa Bellefeuille, customer care manager, said the staff members hope the grand opening will serve as an introduction to the area.

"We're here to help people," she said. "It's really difficult for people to get their medical marijuana prescription — more difficult than any other prescription out there — so we're just here to help streamline that process."

However, some neighbouring business owners, like Romana Kaspar-Kraft, who runs the nearby Collectors' Gallery of Art, have concerns.

"Although they say it's not going to be a point where the marijuana is going to be on-site, are people still going to think it is?" she asked. "What kind of people is it going to bring into the area?

"Is it going to bring about comments from other people? Picketing? That's never good for the area."

IN BRIEF

Man arrested in connection to triple homicide

The Lethbridge Regional Police Service say murder charges are pending against a 21-year-old man in connection to a triple homicide that happened in the city in late April.

On Wednesday, police arrested the man without incident in connection to the deaths of Kyle Devine, 27, Clarissa English, 24 and Dakota English, 18. METRO

Animal rescue owners convicted of animal abuse

Two owners of Oops-a-Dazy animal rescue society have been convicted for ill treatment of animals in their care.

Debra and Edward Michel pled guilty to charges of causing or allowing dogs and cats in their care to be in distress and failing to provide adequate care for wounded or ill animals. The Michels are prohibited from owning more than five dogs and cats for 10 years. METRO

SEARCH WARRANTS

Drug smuggler used storage locker: ALERT

While storage lockers are usually reserved for old golf clubs, project cars, and retired baby cribs, police suspect one Calgary storage locker was recently utilized as a location for processing cocaine.

On Wednesday, Alberta's Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) announced it had charged 28-year-old Kousuke Kano following the execution of two search warrants in early May.

Believed to be trafficking both cocaine and fentanyl to street-level drug dealers in the Lethbridge area, ALERT alleges Kano used a storage locker on Manning Road NE in Calgary to package and cut drugs, as officers seized both a cocaine press and a buffing agent.

Staff Sgt. Rod Klassen said storage facilities are usually unmanned and easily accessible, making it difficult for operators to notice suspicious activity.

"There's not that much difference between what a normal person is doing in a storage locker when attending it, compared to what these people are doing," he said.

Klassen also said there's no indication the facility owners were involved in the illicit activity and said in many cases, those operating a storage facility are completely unaware, as many are unmanned. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

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REGENCY BALL

Jane Austen fans can dress up and step into her novels

Lisa Wilton
For Metro

Romance, heartbreak, and humour are the hallmarks of such classic Jane Austen novels as Pride and Prejudice, Emma and Mansfield Park.

But many 'Janeites' — as Austen superfans call themselves — are also drawn to the historical and cultural details in her novels. So much so that Austen-inspired festivals and costume balls have become hugely popular.

It was at one of these events in the U.K. that Tara Melanie Kerr had the idea of bringing a Regency Ball to Canada.

"I was sure there would be interest, but I wasn't sure I could really get the idea across about what it was like," says Kerr, who created a Kickstarter campaign to bring the event to Edmonton last year.

Fans of Jane Austen's novels will be transported back in time during the Calgary Regency Springtime Ball, taking place Saturday at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel. DANNY JONES PHOTOGRAPHY

The response to the Edmonton Regency Ball was "overwhelming" and soon Kerr was organizing a second event and making plans to bring it to Calgary.

"I had some requests to do one in Calgary and Palliser Hotel was a perfect fit, so here we are," says Kerr, who will be donning her best high-waisted dress at the Calgary Regency Springtime Ball on Saturday night.

> **It's a love of an alternate reality, really**
> Event organizer Tara Melanie Kerr

Playing dress up and dancing to the hottest sounds of 1803 are a few of the reasons why these events are so popular. Kerr says the chance to escape modern-day life for a few hours is extremely appealing for a lot of people.

"It's a love of an alternate reality, really," she says.

"People want to experience a different life, and people love Jane Austen and the world she writes about. We do everything in our power to suspend the disbelief of our guests, so that they can really feel as if they've been transported back in time."

To make the ball more authentic, mobile phones and cameras are banned, but a professional photographer will be on hand to document the evening, which includes a dinner based on centuries-old recipes, live music, dancing and card games.

DETAILS

For more information and to purchase tickets to the Springtime Regency Ball, go to RegencyEncounters.com or e-mail contact@regencyencounters.com

Dance lessons will be held Saturday afternoon for those interested and costumes can be rented at the Costume Shoppe in Inglewood.

ENTERTAINMENT

Best bets for the weekend

FRIDAY

Unforgettable — The Music of Nat King Cole at the National Music Centre
Calgary based actor and singer Tenaj Williams performs the music of legendary crooner, Nat King Cole. The two-hour show delves into Cole's life and career while revisiting his classic songs

Forbidden Dimension at Broken City. For more than 25 years, Forbidden Dimension has been wreaking havoc in Calgary clubs with its greasy garage-punk. The band continues to melt the faces off those who dare rock out with them.

SATURDAY

Spamalot at Stage West
Based on the classic comedy Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Spamalot won three Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Killer rabbits and the 'Knights Who Say Ni' highlight this ridiculous but very funny retelling of the Legend of King Arthur and the Knights of the Roundtable. LISA WILTON

Renaissance for aboriginal music

RED RIDE TOUR

Kristi Lane Sinclair's baby appears to be snowballing

Kristi Lane Sinclair CONTRIBUTED

The fifth-annual Red Ride Tour stops in at Wine-Ohs Friday night with sets from two of Canada's most talented and exciting aboriginal artists, Kristi Lane Sinclair and Derek Miller.

The brainchild of Sinclair, the Red Ride Tour is making its way east for the next three weeks. The rocker talks to Metro about the tour and Canada's Aboriginal music scene.

How did the Red Ride Tour come about?

I had gotten a small tour grant and invited Cris Derksen to join me and she agreed. That first year we packed up my little red hatchback and played shows from Vancouver to Winnipeg. We asked our friends in each town to help us organize shows and named it Red Ride. The following year, we were bored and did it again. It was then that people started suggesting we come to their town.

What makes this tour unique?

It's essentially a touring festival...of sorts. We try to book as many aboriginal acts as we can every year and its logistical nightmare because the cast is always changing but at the same time, that's the beauty of this tour.

Do you think Aboriginal music is going through a renaissance?

I think it is. With all the successes of rockstars like A Tribe Called Red and Tanya Tagaq, it's made the mainstream music industry a possibility for Native musicians. I think it was always a possibility but it's just fun to watch it happen now.

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Mayor Naheed Nenshi and partners of the cSPACE King Edward project break ground at the site in Marda Loop on Wednesday morning. ANNA BROOKS/METRO

Building begins for artists' space

INFRASTRUCTURE

Project will also house not-for-profits

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

Shovels in soil Wednesday officially kicked off the start of construction for cSPACE King Edward, a project aimed at providing affordable space for artists and non-profit organizations.

By 2016, the tall, sandstone King Edward School that has been sitting idle for the past 12 years in the Marda Loop community is projected to be a hub for innovation and creativity, according to Reid Henry, president and CEO of cSPACE.

"It's a place for people working from the full spectrum of community non-profits and commercial creative arts to come together and shape new ideas," Henry said.

Henry added that shared infrastructure and leasable space within 60 to 80 per cent of the market rate in Calgary would provide artists and small businesses struggling to find space new, more affordable options.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said the $5 million put up front toward the project by the City of Calgary is part of what allows rent to be offered to tenants at a lower rate.

"The rent from the tenants pays the operating costs, and that's really what makes it innovative," Nenshi said. "This also helps deal with the real problems non-profits have struggling in Calgary's high-rent environment."

> **"The rent from the tenants pays the operating costs, and that's really what makes it innovative.**
> Mayor Naheed Nenshi

CSPACE will also be sharing space on the lot with residential developers Rockwood Custom Homes and Section23 Group, whose developments Nenshi projected will help pay for the ongoing operating costs of the site.

CITY HALL

Defibrillators at Municipal Building not listed on app

After a man nearly collapsed during a public hearing at a council meeting this week, City of Calgary officials are looking to better indicate where to find automatic emergency defibrillators (AEDs) in the building.

There are currently six AEDs in the Municipal Building, according Heather Domzal, a spokeswoman with the city's law department, but none are registered with the Heart Safe Communities app.

The mobile app shows, at a glance, where to find an AED near you, but the devices must be registered in order to appear on the map.

"The City of Calgary is in the process of having publicly available AEDs included within the app," Domzal told Metro in an email Wednesday.

During a lengthy public hearing about secondary suites on Tuesday, one man speaking to council suddenly said he felt faint and appeared unsteady on his feet.

Coun. Diane Colley-Urquhart, who worked in the past as a nurse, came to his aid, and he was able to continue his presentation after a brief recess.

Colley-Urquhart later remarked to council that she checked the AED-locating app and found none showed up in the building.

"The closest location is the Epcor Centre and the Calgary Transit garage," she said.

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Resource list for trans people gets update

COMMUNITY

Guide aims to provide info on transitioning

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Transgender people in Calgary will soon have an updated resource to consult during what some in the community describe as an overwhelming time.

On Sunday, Calgary OutLink will launch a new resource guide filled with information for those thinking about transitioning.

The comprehensive pamphlet, also available online, will cover everything from the effects of hormones to changing your name to lists of local doctors.

Gwen Bretzke, who has gone through the transitioning process herself, said the fact sheet has a step-by-step guide that can help someone who doesn't know where to start.

Brett Mason, the operations and education co-director for Calgary OutLink, said the guide should be really useful for people.

"One of the barriers for folks is not knowing how to access services that they might need, and the other barrier is just that there aren't enough services," said Mason.

"The biggest thing that Calgary needs is: more," said Bretzke. "It's a very small community and there's a lot of important information and a lot of things you need that aren't really available in Calgary but would be available in other cities this large."

The guide will be launched at an event this Sunday that will also feature a clothing swap and live music. It takes place at 303 – 223 12 Avenue SW from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Brett Mason, with Calgary OutLink. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

SUSTAINABILITY

Students leap to 2050 with new program

Calgary students and children across the globe are taking a trip through time to the year 2050 when food demands are higher, population has expanded drastically, and sustainability is of the utmost importance.

Janelle Phillips, a teacher at Mitford Middle School, took her classes through the program and said it was a great experience for the kids that matched up with the curriculum.

"The kids were super engaged," she said. "I think the biggest thing that they took away is they didn't realize all of the things that had to be juggled and balanced in order to practice sustainable agriculture."

The Calgary Stampede, in partnership with Agrium, created a program called Journey 2050 that is designed to give students an interactive learning experience and help them discover sustainability concepts and find innovative ways to feed people in the future.

"We're very proud to be the home to a global program that will reach millions around the world," said Warren Connell, CEO of the Calgary Stampede.

In it's first year the program has seen about 4,500 Calgary junior high school students at the Agrium Western Event Centre on Stampede Park and, with its online component and app, is available world-wide.

"Food production needs are expected to rise by 60 per cent and changing economic, social, and environmental conditions will put even more pressure on agricultural yields," said Agrium CEO Chuck Magro in a statement. "It is imperative that our youth of today understand how our present-day decisions impact our future lives and to showcase the importance of agriculture."

The program can be seen at journey2050.com online or in the iTunes app store for free.

HELEN PIKE/METRO

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> Janelle Phillips, teacher at Mitford Middle School

CRIME

City sees rise in motorcycle accidents

In less than three days, two serious motorcycle accidents in Edmonton, including one that left a young woman dead, have bucked the trend of what police say has been a relatively safe few years for motorcyclists in Edmonton.

On Sunday, a 34-year-old male was taken to hospital with serious injuries after a driver of an SUV hit his motorcycle and fled the scene. Two days later, a 26-year-old year old female passenger was killed, while a 24-year-old man was injured after the motorcycle they were driving was hit by the driver of a car. METRO

Man charged in knife-point robbery

Calgary police have charged a man after he allegedly robbed a northeast store at knife point in March. On May 5, Reston Lee Phipps, 18, was arrested in a northeast home without incident. He is being charged with one count of robbery and one count of possession of a dangerous weapon. METRO

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Feds move to exempt RCMP from charges

LONG-GUN REGISTRY

Government says change fixes 'loophole'

The Harper government moved to retroactively rewrite Canada's access-to-information law in order to prevent possible criminal charges against the RCMP, The Canadian Press has learned.

An unheralded change buried in last week's 167-page omnibus budget bill exempted all records from the defunct long-gun registry, and also any "request, complaint, investigation, application, judicial review, appeal or other proceeding under the Access to Information Act or the Privacy Act" related to those old records.

The unprecedented, retroactive changes are even more odd because they are backdated to the day the Conservatives introduced legislation to kill the gun registry, not to when the bill received royal assent. The date effectively alters history to make an old government bill come into force months before it was actually passed by Parliament.

A source familiar with the complaint, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the government moved out of concern Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault is poised to recommend charges against the Mounties for withholding — and later destroying — gun registry documents while the legislation was still being debated.

Indeed, shortly after the story broke Wednesday, Legault's office announced it would be tabling a special report Thursday detailing an investigation into the long-gun registry and an access-to-information request.

The government feels no one should face a penalty for being overly eager to enforce the will of Parliament before the legislation had been voted into law.

A spokesman for Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney would only say the retroactive law will fix a "bureaucratic loophole" that allowed citizens to request heavily redacted copies of the gun-registry data while the legislation to destroy the data was before Parliament.

> **I find this provision almost Orwellian.**
> Fred Vallance-Jones, expert in access-to-information law

The retroactive changes in the budget bill leave access-to-information experts aghast.

"It seeks to rewrite history, to say that lawful access to records that existed before didn't actually exist after all and that if you exercised your quasi-constitutional right of access to those records, well, too bad, you're out of luck," said Fred Vallance-Jones, an associate professor at the University of King's College in Halifax and an expert in access-to-information law.

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HELP FROM CANADA DART DIGS IN NEPAL Members of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) clear a road in the village of Sankhu, Nepal, on Sunday in this handout photo. Lt.-Col. Ed Izatt, DART's commander, said the work is allowing the flow of aid and essential goods to areas affected by the devastating earthquake, which has claimed more than 8,000 lives. Canada has about 200 DART personnel in Nepal. DND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two soccer fans to be banned from facilities over heckling incident

Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (MLSE) said two fans from Sunday's Toronto FC game will be banned from MLSE facilities for no less than a year after a vulgar confrontation with a local reporter.

The two men being banned are Shawn Simoes — a Sunshine List employee being fired by Hydro One — and Ryan Hart, according to MLSE. This is an "indefinite suspension," the organization said.

MLSE is still looking for two other goateed men who appeared in the footage with CityNews reporter Shauna Hunt, who both said the viral phrase "F–k her right in the p–y."

Simoes said on camera that he thought his mother would "die laughing, eventually" over the remarks.

MLSE is reviewing its own security video of the verbal attack on Hunt.

The video "will be an element of their investigation," MLSE spokesperson Dave Haggith said on Wednesday. "Our security is in the process of investigating,"

That includes identifying a stout man with a BMO shirt and a thinner man with aviator glasses who were filmed with Hunt early in her report.

Once they are identified, the men involved will be banned from all games and events at MLSE facilities for at least a year, Haggith said.

"The length of the ban is to be determined, but it will be a minimum of one year," Haggith said.

CityNews journalist Avery Haines tweeted Wednesday that the broadcaster is consulting with Toronto police and the Attorney-General's office on the possibility of criminal charges against the men.

Police and Attorney-General's spokespeople had no comment Wednesday morning on any ongoing meetings.

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VIRAL

The incident has gone viral and also brought comments from federal Justice Minister Peter MacKay, who praised Shauna Hunt for asking the men why they felt they had the right to be so offensive.

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Conservative MP Michael Chong at a press conference in Ottawa in 2013. Chong says it would be an abomination if the Senate thwarts his bill. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MP pushes Senate on Reform Act

PARLIAMENT HILL

Michael Chong urges public to lobby senators to pass his bill

It's hard to imagine the perpetually upbeat Michael Chong in a bad mood, but the earnest Conservative MP has abandoned hiding his frustration.

Chong has spent about five years crusading for a rebalancing of powers between MPs and party leaders in the Commons. In December 2013, he finally introduced his Reform Act to do something about it — and earned the support of most of the Commons.

But now the bill looks like it might wither away in the Senate, critiqued by both Conservative and Liberal senators who say they might want to tinker with the legislation.

Sources say Chong has made impassioned speeches to his caucus colleagues, both at their weekly meeting Wednesday and to MPs and senators from the Greater Toronto Area in an earlier get-together.

> **Canadians need to... demand that the Senate pass the bill.**
> Michael Chong

Amending the proposed legislation and thus sending it back to the Commons will spell its demise, Chong insists. The House rises in June, and an election call is expected some time in late summer.

"It would be an abomination if the Senate were to block a democratic reform bill of the House of Commons," Chong said Wednesday outside the national caucus meeting. "Canadians need to contract their senators, demand that the Senate pass the bill before the end of June, because time is running out."

Chong's bill seeks to give MPs the power to trigger leadership reviews, suspend and reinstate colleagues, and select their caucus chairperson. It also removes from the Canada Elections Act the leader's veto over electoral candidates, while seeking to give more control to local riding officials.

Chong added considerable water to his wine as the bill went through the Commons, changing it so that the party caucuses would vote on the new rules after every election and decide what precise form they should take. A caucus could even decide to stick with the status quo.

"The Reform Act concerns the House of Commons, how the House of Commons and its caucuses govern themselves and how the members of the House of Commons are to be elected,'' Chong pointedly noted. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CANADIANA

Fans snatch up Heritage Minute tickets

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Does the phrase "I smell burnt toast!" sound familiar?

If so, you probably grew up watching the dramatic and oh-so-historically-accurate Canadian Heritage Minutes.

If you describe yourself as a fan, you'd be in surprisingly good company: according to Historica Canada president Anthony Wilson-Smith, there's even a drinking game based the shorts.

"We don't condone this but we're aware of it," said Wilson-Smith. "Somebody names a minute and you're supposed to quote a line from it or you have to take a shot."

He added, "Many people are actually able to chant the entire script. They know the whole thing."

The "pleasantly rowdy" fans of Heritage Minutes took over Ottawa's Mayfair Theatre Wednesday night as part of a four-city premiere of a new minute, based on the role of Canadian nurses during the Second World War.

> **Many people are ... able to chant the entire script**
> Anthony Wilson-Smith

The 310 free tickets available were sold out a week in advance, with people still asking to be let in.

Similar premieres have been organized before, and Wilson-Smith said the crowd is usually people in their 20s. Attendees are encouraged to shout out famous lines, follow along on Twitter and participate in trivia after the show.

PHILADELPHIA TRAIN WRECK INJURES HUNDREDS, KILLS AT LEAST SEVEN In this aerial photo, emergency personnel work at the scene of a passenger train wreck in Philadelphia on Wednesday. The Amtrak train was hurtling at more than 160 kilometres per hour before it ran off the rails along a sharp curve where the speed limit is just 80 km per hour, killing at least seven people, federal investigators said Wednesday. PATRICK SEMANSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

Many still cut off in isolated villages

Many survivors of Nepal's most recent earthquake remain cut off by blocked roads in isolated villages, a UN official said Wednesday, after this Himalayan nation suffered through its second major quake in less than three weeks.

The magnitude-7.3 earthquake shook the impoverished country Tuesday, killing at least 79 people and injuring more than 2,300, just as it was beginning to rebuild from a devastating April 25 earthquake.

The most recent quake hit hardest in deeply rural parts of the Himalayan foothills, hammering many villages reached only by hiking trails and causing road-blocking landslides.

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IN BRIEF

Gunmen kill dozens of Shiite Muslims in Pakistan

Gunmen stormed a bus carrying Shiite Muslims in Karachi, Pakistan and ordered them to bow their heads before being shot, killing at least 45 people Wednesday in the latest attack targeting the religious minority. Both a Pakistani Taliban splinter group and an ISIL affiliate claimed the attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another boat found at sea off Malaysia

ROHINGYA REFUGEE CRISIS

Denied citizenship by Myanmar, they are stateless

Another boat, this one crammed with 500 Rohingya Muslims and Bangladeshis, was found off Malaysia's coast Wednesday, an activist and an official said, as the international community called on Southeast Asian governments to open their borders and step up search-and-rescue efforts. Thousands of migrants are believed to be stranded at sea.

It was not immediately clear if those off loaded near the city of Penang would be given refuge, said Zafar Ahmad, a Malaysian human rights activist. Their vessel was discovered hours after a maritime official warned that new arrivals would be given food, water and then sent on their way, unless their boats were sinking.

The country has already accepted more than a thousand refugees since Sunday. Wednesday's boat would make it 1,500.

Indonesia, which has taken 600 such refugees, turned a boat away earlier this week. But a foreign ministry spokesman denied Wednesday it had a "push back" policy, saying the vessel strayed into its waters by accident. Armanatha Nasir told reporters the migrants were looking for neighbouring Malaysia.

> **Towing migrants out to sea and declaring that they aren't your problem anymore is not a solution to a wider regional crisis.**
>
> Charles Santiago, a member of parliament in Malaysia

"We have to help refugees who need assistance and direct them to where they want to go," he said. "It goes against our principle to chase away refugee boats that enter our territory."

Southeast Asia, which for years tried to quietly ignore the plight of Myanmar's 1.3 million Rohingya, now finds itself caught in a spiralling humanitarian crisis that in many ways it helped create.

In the last three years, more than 100,000 members of the Muslim minority have boarded ships, fleeing persecution, according to the UN refugee agency. No countries want them, fearing that accepting a few would result in an unstoppable flow of poor, uneducated migrants. But governments at the same time respected the wishes of Myanmar at regional gatherings, avoiding discussions of state-sponsored discrimination against the Rohingya.

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Kampei Shimoide, second from left, mayor of Minamikyushu, on Wednesday. The city will seek UNESCO recognition for its documents on kamikaze suicide attacks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

City tries to preserve war record

JAPAN

Minamikyushu asks UNESCO to register its kamikaze docs

A Japanese city's plan to seek UNESCO recognition for its collection of documents related to its role as a launching base for "kamikaze" suicide attacks in the desperate last months of the Second World War is raising questions over how such memories should be preserved.

Kampei Shimoide, mayor of Minamikyushu, and others associated with the project said Wednesday they hope that registering the document collection as a UNESCO Memory of the World will help ensure it will convey the horrors and suffering of the war to future generations.

Chiran, a tea-farming town that is part of today's Minamikyushu, was the site of an Imperial Japanese Army base that launched hundreds of attack missions during the Battle of Okinawa in the war's final months. The Chiran Peace Museum, which houses the document collection, was built as a memorial to the pilots.

"The documents serve as a reminder of the extremes people are driven to in such desperate conditions," said Mutsuo Kuwashiro, an adviser to the city government and curator of the Chiran Peace Museum. "We believe they are an invaluable record of the horror of war."

Seventy years after Japan's defeat in August 1945, sensitivities over its wartime legacy remain acute, especially in neighbouring China and South Korea. Many in Japan fear that memories of the suffering the country caused might be lost with the passing of the older generations. Others both in and outside Japan worry that war-related monuments and artifacts might be used to glorify the war.

Among the items the Chiran Peace Museum is seeking to include in the "Memory of the World" registry are "hachimaki" headbands inscribed by families and friends, farewell messages and heartbreaking letters from the pilots, who took off on their bombing raids expecting to die, with their fighters carrying only enough fuel to reach their targets.

"Take courage, forget the past and find new ways to be happy in the future," says one, written by 23-year-old pilot Toshio Anazawa to his fiancée, Chieko, before he died.

To formally apply for the UNESCO Memory of the World recognition, Minamikyushu must gain approval from Japan's education ministry, but it is unclear whether that effort will succeed.

M.G. Sheftall, a history professor at Japan's Shizuoka University and an adviser for the project, said the group would drop the plan if any effort was made by the authorities to distort its message.

"This project is being undertaken to make a contribution to lasting peace and humanity's future," he said. Among hundreds of items in the Memory of the World registry are documents related to the Guttenberg Bible and Victor Fleming's 1939 classic The Wizard of Oz, and the 1703 Census of Iceland.
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NORTH KOREA

Defence chief executed for backtalk: Spies

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un ordered his defence chief executed with an anti-aircraft gun for complaining about the young ruler, talking back to him and sleeping during a meeting presided over by Kim, South Korea's spy agency told lawmakers Wednesday, citing what it called credible information.

South Korean analysts are split on whether the alleged bloody purge signals strength or weakness from Kim Jong Un, who took power after his father's 2011 death. Some aren't even sure if it really happened. One expert described the reported development, part of a series of recent high-profile purges and executions by Kim, as an attempt to orchestrate a "reign of terror" that would solidify his leadership.

National Intelligence Service officials told a closed-door parliamentary committee meeting that People's Armed Forces Minister Hyon Yong Chol was killed in front of hundreds of spectators at a shooting range at Pyongyang's Kang Kon Military Academy in late April, according to lawmaker Shin Kyoung-min, who attended the briefing.

Kim Gwang-lim, chairman of the parliament's intelligence committee, quoted the spy service as saying Hyon had failed several times to comply with unspecified instructions by Kim.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Jeff Rathke said the U.S. can't confirm reporting of the execution of North Korean officials but added that "these disturbing reports, if they are true, describe another extremely brutal act by the North Korean regime. These reports are sadly not the first."
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Massive death rate among honeybees

ECOSYSTEM

Over 40% of hives in U.S. died in past year: Survey

More than two out of five American honeybee colonies died in the past year, and surprisingly the worst die-off was in the summer, according to a federal survey.

Since April 2014, beekeepers lost 42.1 per cent of their colonies, the second-highest rate in nine years, according to an annual survey conducted by a bee partnership including the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"What we're seeing with this bee problem is just a loud signal that there's some bad things happening with our agro-ecosystems," said study co-author Keith Delaplane with the University of Georgia. "We just happen to notice it with the honeybee because they are so easy to count."

But it's not quite as dire as it sounds. That's because after a colony dies, beekeepers then split their surviving colonies, start new ones, and the numbers go back up again, said Delaplane and study co-author Dennis vanEngelsdorp of the University of Maryland. But that pushes the bees to their limits, he said.

What shocked the entomologists is that it's the first time they've noticed bees dying more in the summer than the winter, vanEngelsdorp said. The survey found beekeepers lost 27.4 per cent of their colonies this summer. That's up from 19.8 per cent the previous summer.

Oklahoma, Illinois, Iowa, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Maine and Wisconsin all saw more than 60 per cent of their hives die since April 2014, according to the survey.

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Since April 2014, U.S. beekeepers have lost 42.1 per cent of their colonies. ANDY DUBACK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

INDIANA

Woman receives diploma from 1933

An Indiana woman turning 100 this month has received her high-school diploma more than eight decades after she was originally supposed to graduate.

Lora Lois LeMond White Hardy needed just four credits to earn her diploma from Anderson High School in 1933 when she quit school to support her family.

The oldest of eight children, she took a job at General Motors during the height of the Great Depression.

She went on to work on the assembly line of the GM plant for more than 40 years before retiring in 1976.

Wearing a red cap and gown Wednesday, she finally received her certificate Tuesday at the Anderson Community Schools board of trustees meeting.

In another seminal moment, Hardy turns 100 on May 28.

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IN BRIEF

Drivers fired for bringing body to doughnut shop

Two Florida hearse drivers have been fired after they stopped at a doughnut shop with a flag-draped coffin in the vehicle on the way to a funeral.

An outraged man sent a video to a veterans group called VeteranWarriors.

The video shows the hearse — with its curtains open and coffin visible — at New Port Richey doughnut shop Tuesday.

The hearse was transporting the coffin and body of Lt. Col. Jesse Coleman, 84, a decorated officer who served in Korea and Vietnam, from Veterans Funeral Care to his funeral.

The funeral director Jim Rudolph says he has fired the men.

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Military deciding coup's fate

BURUNDI

People celebrate, but who is in charge is unknown

Burundi's capital was quiet Wednesday night but it was not clear who was in charge after a tumultuous day in which thousands of people celebrated an attempted coup against President Pierre Nkurunziza.

The military is divided between those supporting Nkurunziza and those backing the coup, said a senior military official who insisted on anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press. The two sides of the military were holding negotiations Wednesday night to determine the way forward, he said.

The attempted coup took place while Nkurunziza was in neighbouring Tanzania for a summit on his country's troubles. An army general announced on a private radio station that the president had been relieved of his duties.

Police withdrew from the streets of Bujumbura, the capital, after the general's coup statement and thousands of people celebrated the apparent coup. People thronged Bujumbura's streets and applauded soldiers who rode by in tanks and trucks. Some of the troops smiled and one raised his rifle to acknowledge the cheering crowd.

But some officials remained loyal to Nkurunziza. His office said in the evening that the coup attempt was unsuccessful, posting a statement on the president's Twitter and Facebook accounts.

"A group of soldiers mutinied this morning and made a fantasy declaration of a coup d'etat," said the statement. "This attempted coup was foiled and these people... are sought by defence and security forces so they are brought to justice."

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CHINA 10 ARRESTED FOR KILLING PANDA Five panda cubs eat special milk porridge at a panda research centre in China. Police in southwestern China arrested 10 people for killing a female wild giant panda, and for buying and selling its parts, state media said Wednesday. The giant panda is an endangered species that tops China's list of protected animals.

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UNITED KINGDOM

Prince Charles' secret letters revealed

The Patagonian Toothfish has a friend in the future king of England — that's one lesson from the British government's release Wednesday of previously secret letters written by Prince Charles to government officials.

The cache of 27 letters was the subject of a lengthy legal battle that pitted Charles' right to privacy against the public's right to know. The British press dubbed them the "black spider" memos, due to Charles' cramped handwritten greetings and closings, and the British government spent years in court and hundreds of thousands of pounds trying to keep them secret.

The letters, written a decade ago, include 10 written by Charles personally to former Prime Minister Tony Blair and other top officials in his Labour Party government. The sometimes quirky prince, known for his commitment to organic farming and traditional architecture, freely expresses himself on matters like badger culling, fish protection, the readiness of the Armed Forces, standards for alternative medicines and the preservation of historic buildings.

The letter-writing is controversial because as Britain's future king, Charles is expected to remain neutral on political matters. Some could see the letters as inappropriate lobbying of the government by the heir to the throne — especially since the prince does mention sensitive topics dealing with national security matters, including the war in Iraq.

The tone of his letters is polite and sometimes apologetic. Charles does not demand action — but that doesn't mean British ministers felt they could ignore his myriad concerns.

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GAMING

Minecraft YouTube's most streamed game

Minecraft has built a big reputation on YouTube.

The video streaming service announced Wednesday that content featuring the virtual brick-building video game has been watched more than any other interactive title in the 10 years since YouTube launched.

"There are over 42 million Minecraft videos on YouTube today," said Ryan Wyatt, YouTube's global head of gaming content.

"It's crazy because Minecraft is also the second most searched term."

In honour of the streaming video site's 10th anniversary, YouTube released a list of the top 10 most popular games that have been streamed since the site debuted in 2005.

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IN BRIEF

American Apparel faces defamation suit

Former CEO Dov Charney has filed a defamation lawsuit against American Apparel. Charney, who was fired from the retailer in December, has been the subject of lawsuits that allege he had inappropriate sexual conduct with female employees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CALIFORNIA DROUGHT NURTURE YIELDS TO NATURE ON GOLF COURSES Epic drought is reshaping the golf course at California's El Niguel Country Club, above, and dozens of others. Pressed by a fourth year of bone-dry weather, some of the finest courses are ceding back to nature some of their manicured green, tearing out the grass where it won't affect the game, installing smart watering systems and letting the turf they don't rip up turn just a little bit brown. GREGORY BULL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian ad men reflect on a lost era

ADVERTISING

Chauvinism, liquid lunches of 1960s Mad Men time gone

As the critically lauded cable series Mad Men approaches its finale on Sunday, Canada's own ad men and women say the world of Don Draper and Peggy Olson is gone for good.

Social change has done away with the liquid lunches and casual chauvinism the show depicts as cornerstones of the 1960s advertising industry, and advertising instructor Michael Rosen says the industry itself has shifted in subtle ways.

Don Draper, the show's central character, is at his best in the pitch meetings, deftly selling his ad agency's services to executives from Kodak, Hilton and Lucky Strike. Rosen, who teaches advertising at Toronto's Humber College, said Draper's skills at building relationships with clients will never go out of style. But he adds that the advertising industry has moved from an emphasis on keeping clients happy to the creative side of the business.

The switch from sales to creative is even evident in office fashions, Rosen said, as the natty suits and expensive watches of Draper and his associates have been replaced by casual wear and tattoos.

> **Crafting a great consumer insight that turns into a big idea is still the foundation of what we do today.**
> Tyler Turnbull

Tyler Turnbull, CEO of the Toronto office of FCB, one of the largest advertising agencies in the world. said agencies have become more collaborative since the Mad Men era.

Gillian Graham, CEO of the non-profit Institute of Communication Agencies, says the industry still relies on the personal magnetism that Draper exemplifies. "It's a relationship business, always has been and always will be," she said.

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Péladeau could lose, if pigs fly

POLITICS
Chantal Hébert

If media tycoon Pierre Karl Péladeau does not win the leadership of the Parti Québécois hands down, pigs will fly in Canada's political sky for the second time in the space of a month.

To anyone familiar with the PQ leadership campaign, anything short of a first-ballot victory for PKP against his remaining two rivals Friday would come as a surprise, second only to the NDP outcome of last week's Alberta election.

PKP has been cast as the prohibitive front-runner in the race to replace Pauline Marois since the defeated premier resigned on election night 13 months ago. In fact, he was tagged as her successor-in-waiting as of the moment that he ran in the provincial riding of Saint-Jérôme in last year's election.

Former PQ minister Jean-François Lisée was so convinced that Péladeau was unbeatable that he decided not to run. His ex-cabinet colleague Bernard Drainville — the recent champion of the PQ's controversial secularism charter — quit the campaign last month rather than face the humiliation of a distant finish.

Even before Drainville threw his support to Péladeau, there was little suspense about the likely outcome of this contest.

For a good many party members, PKP walks on water. For many of the aging baby boomers who currently make up the age group most likely to support the PQ, he is a corporate-savvy champion that may yet lead Quebec to sovereignty in their lifetimes.

In other circumstances, a recent spate of media stories portraying the front-runner as a man with a remarkably short fuse and a tendency to intemperate outbursts might have given pause to his supporters.

But so strong (or so blind?) is the hope that PKP believers have invested in his capacity to restore the momentum of their dormant cause that many put the negative coverage down to the fear that he supposedly inspires in federalist quarters.

Questions as to the propriety of a party leader owning Quebec's largest French-language media empire have similarly been dismissed as partisan cheap shots rather than omens of potential conflicts of interest to come.

And yet there has been little in Péladeau's leadership campaign to give Quebec's federalists cause to quake in their boots or, for that matter, to justify the faith that he inspires in his followers.

The best that can be said about his performance on the leadership hustings is that it improved along the way. By almost any standards, that still leaves him well short of the skill sets of his most formidable predecessors.

PKP boasts less political experience than any of the party's previous seven leaders. He has nowhere near the eloquence of René Lévesque and Lucien Bouchard or the understanding of public policy of Jacques Parizeau and Bernard Landry.

Public opinion polls have suggested that he could have beaten the ruling Liberals in an election this spring.

But the next campaign is more than three years away, and the PQ's score in recent byelections was not that of a party surfing on the popularity of an incoming star leader.

It earned a measly eight per cent of the vote in the francophone riding of Lévis last fall. Earlier this year, the party kept its long-held seat of Richelieu with a smaller share of the vote than its score in last year's general election.

Support for sovereignty remains tepid, and Péladeau has studiously avoided committing himself to holding a referendum in the first mandate of a PQ government.

The party tent has shrunk dramatically since the last time it had a leadership campaign a decade ago. Back then, it had 140,000 members. Less than half of that number signed up for this month's leadership vote.

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Over the past four months, the candidates have debated in front of audiences that were typically awash with grey heads.

On that score, the last debate of the campaign last Thursday in Montreal was no exception.

In contrast, there were plenty of younger Quebecers in attendance for a thousand-strong pre-election rally starring NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair the next night.

The sight of a federal NPD leader drawing a bigger francophone crowd in Montreal than the latest saviour of the once-mighty Parti Québécois is as close as one will probably come to watching pigs fly in Quebec this spring.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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"If we're paralyzed by our sense of doom, we're the problem."

You can't write off Chris Hedges.

He delivers such dire news in his new book, it'll likely depress you, and then you'll feel guilty for doing nothing about it. Then you might want to brand him an extremist, so you won't have to take him seriously. But that won't assuage your guilt.

In Wages of Rebellion, The Moral Imperative of Revolt, the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist chronicles the people who can't keep quiet.

They are lawyers, preachers, anarchists, civil-rights activists — people fighting for change, sometimes without hope that change will come. Think Nelson Mandela, Edward Snowden and anti-fracking Alberta preacher Wiebo Ludwig.

"It's about facing systemic injustice" without asking if you'll succeed, Hedges told me. "It's about the obstinacy of faith."

These rebels are rare, and their politics vary widely.

"Eccentric and strange, half-brilliant, half-insane," he said. You might not want them running your country, "but they're absolutely necessary for seismic change."

It's hard to disagree we need change: climate change and corporate greed destroy the environment, democratic elections often fail to bring change, government surveillance diminishes liberty, a frightening inequality of wealth exploits the poor.

Hedges argues the rich and powerful — the sole beneficiaries of all this — are the enemies. If the rest of us are paralyzed by an overwhelming sense of doom, we're part of the problem.

"The gap between who we are and who we think we are is steadily expanding," Hedges writes.

I have to agree. We think we're good until we think of injustices we're doing nothing to end.

It's also easier to accept rebels when they're somewhere else. We cheer protests in the Middle East, but despise Occupy protesters, who forced us to look at ills in our society we'd rather not dwell on.

I am not innocent. I am no revolutionary. But I won't condemn people as "crazy" when they shred the facade. And I won't dismiss Hedges for issuing, in this book, his call to arms for all of us to demand something better.

"My job is to speak the truth," Hedges said. "Not looking, or pretending that things aren't as bad as they are, or that everything will get better, is suicide."

The worst part of his book is the way it doggedly, repeatedly asks: what kind of person, really, are you?

That is, Hedges said, the defining question. It's not what you did in life, it's "what you stood for."

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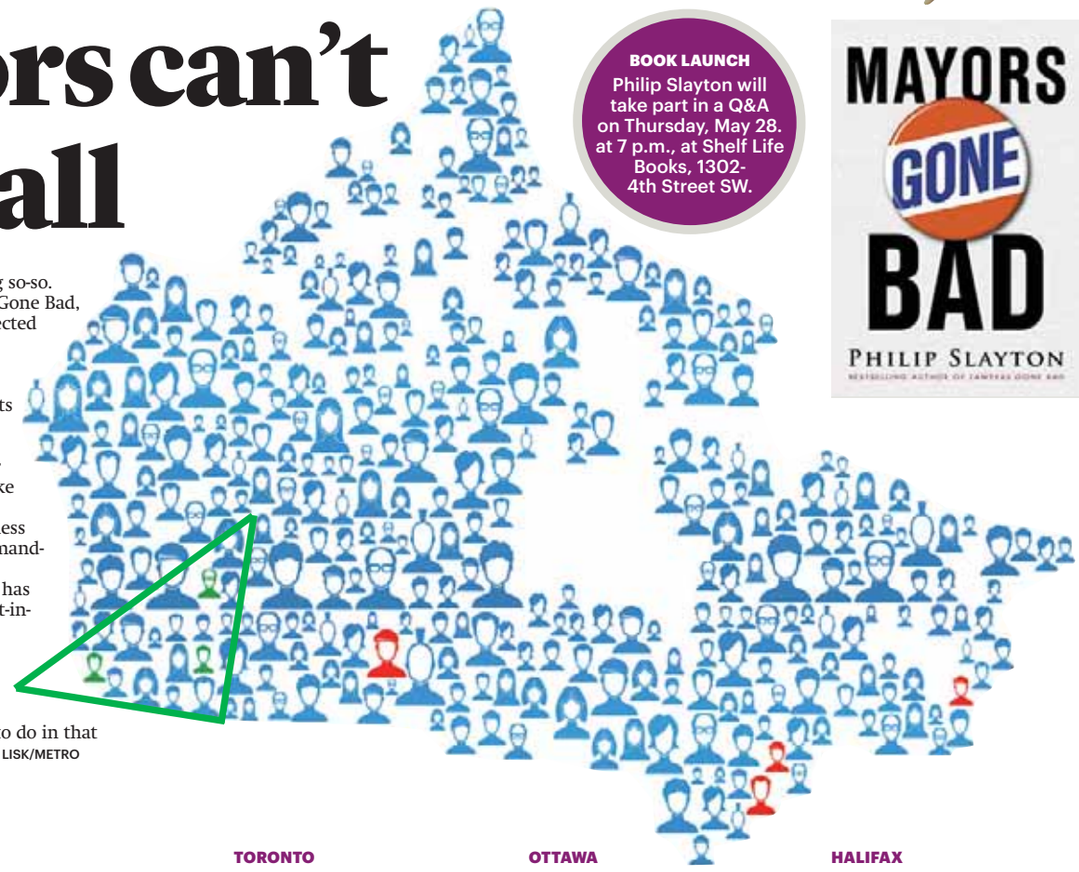
BOOK LAUNCH
Philip Slayton will take part in a Q&A on Thursday, May 28. at 7 p.m., at Shelf Life Books, 1302-4th Street SW.



What does it take to be a good mayor? It may be as simple as being so-so.

"Mediocracy is the word," says Philip Slayton, author of Mayors Gone Bad, a profile of some of the most run-amok mayors Canadians have elected into office in recent years.

"Even if you are not yourself a mediocre person, you will have mediocracy thrust upon you if you become mayor. And, it will be thrust upon you because of the constitutional, economic constraints you can't escape."

More than a collection of stories about the personalities who have made a mark — usually for the worse — the book is a call for constitutional reform to give mayors and cities more power to make decisions for themselves.

When Canada's constitution was put in place, "Cities were way less important than they are now, and far less complex and far less demanding," says Slayton, whose book comes out Tuesday.

Slayton says the issue is not restricted to Canada. New York City has a bigger budget than a lot of countries, but the mayor has to go hat-in-hand to the governor of the state to get funding.

"You don't need to know a whole lot about municipal politics to realize that a mayor has very little power," he says. "That, I think, is partially the explanation why a lot of deadbeats end up in the job. Because, serious people, who understand what it is all about, will take a look and say, 'this is not for me. I can't do what I want to do in that position, I can't benefit the community in a substantial way.'" DEAN LISK/METRO

SLAYTON'S OPINIONS ON...

THE WEST
Nenshi, Iveson and Robertson

While a newspaper writer mentioned a "western triangle of mayoral goodness," referring to Naheed Nenshi of Calgary, Don Iveson of Edmonton and Gregor Robertson of Vancouver, Slayton writes in his book they all exemplify the impotence of the office.

"They are smart, confident, able people, but my point is despite that, they don't seem in my view to be accomplishing a lot at all — and that is because they are unable to, given the constraints put on their office.

WINNIPEG
Sam Katz

Slayton says the mayor, a successful businessman who served from 2004 to 2014, was dogged by conflict of interest allegations (he hosted a roughly $3,000 Christmas lunch for councillors, some municipal employees and their families at a bistro he also owned). "Not a disaster, but someone who could have been a lot more effective and a little more sensitive to the issue of government."

TORONTO
Rob Ford

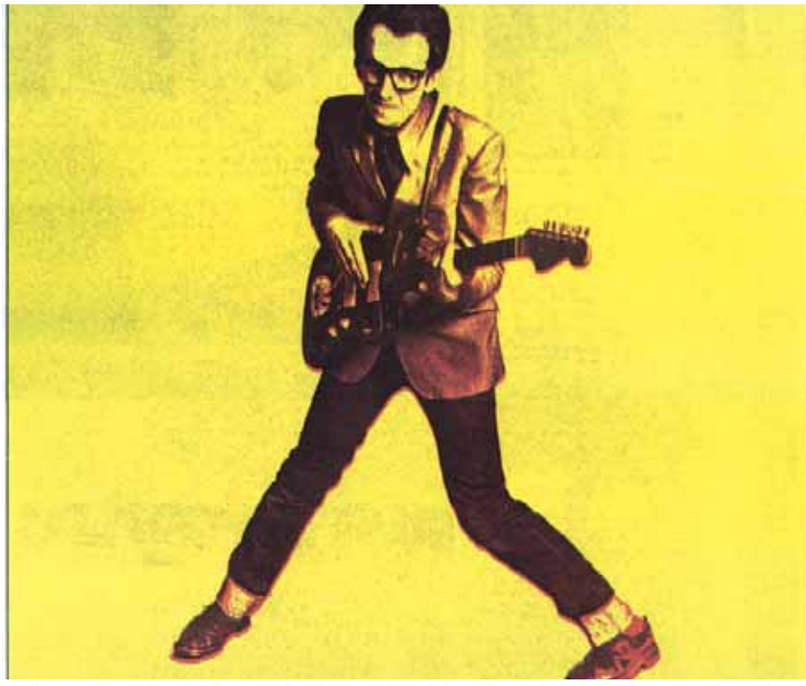
"I find Rob Ford a lot more complicated than some people do," admits Slayton. "I think the secret to Rob Ford was that he somehow got the little guy, and was appealing to the little guy, and related to him in a way that even people who weren't 'a little guy' found appealing," says Slayton of the Toronto mayor from 2010 to 2014, who has admitted to smoking crack.

OTTAWA
Larry O'Brien

"I think his big problem was that he was a very successful businessman, he made a lot of money in business, but he knew next to nothing about municipal government," says Slayton about the mayor who served from 2006 to 2010 and was acquitted of criminal charges months after being elected. "He just decided it would be a nice thing to be mayor of Ottawa."

HALIFAX
Peter Kelly

"He was a very inadequate mayor," say Slayton about Kelly, who served from 2000 to 2012 and got mixed up in the bungled execution of a will that blighted his political career. "Someone with poor judgment, somebody who had tendencies towards grandiosity as he went along; someone who seemed out of touch with reality."



Stiff Records crafted the image of Elvis Costello, giving him Buddy Holly glasses and warning him 'don't f—ing take them off.' CONTRIBUTED

An ode to the reign of Elvis

NEW RELEASE

Richard Crouse's book on Costello full of fun facts

Liz Brown
Metro | Life

The 1970s in Britain was a decade of unemployment, labour unrest and massive inflation. In short, a breeding ground for pissed off youth with no money, no hope and a hell of a lot of time on their hands.

The decade of discontent spilled into the music world as big, bombastic rock bands grew physically distant from their fans as they played larger and larger arena shows. People began for searching something that spoke to their anger and frustration.

Enter snarly, stripped down sounds played by guys named Rat Scabies and Johnny Rotten and women like Poly Styrene.

It was in this world that Declan McManus toiled in pub rock bands around London. He was a suburban dad who dreamed of getting his break in the music biz as he slaved at his day job as a computer operator at Elizabeth Arden.

That break came by way of the freshly minted Stiff Records, a label that defied labelling. Stiff founders Jake Riviera and Dave Robinson saw in McManus a talented musician and songwriter, but a guy in need of a makeover. They gave him Buddy Holly glasses with the instructions "don't f—ing take them off." They dressed him in a narrow lapelled suit jacket and rolled stovepipe jeans. And they christened him with a new name because, according to McManus himself, the moniker Declan evoked images of "a guy in a cable-knit sweater singing whaling songs." The year was 1977 and Elvis Costello was born.

In his new book, titled Elvis is King: Costello's My Aim is True, film critic, Metro columnist and Costello super fan Richard Crouse details the making of the musician and his debut album. The book is a snapshot of a turbulent time in Britain's music history. Through the book, Crouse examines Costello's stylistic songwriting but, like most fans, is reticent to pigeonhole the singer-songwriter into one musical category. Instead, he analyzes the individual tracks and links them to the time and Costello's own life.

"I can honestly say that probably a week hasn't gone by since I first heard that record that I haven't listened to at least part of it," says Crouse in a recent interview. "Welcome to the Working Week is a song that gets played in the house at least once a day."

> **"Welcome to the Working Week is a song that gets played in the house at least once a day**
> Richard Crouse

Crouse was a 14-year-old in Liverpool, N.S. when his brother brought him My Aim is True.

"When I listen to this album, I'm immediately transported back to a very specific time in my life. My mom was ill for the entire time I was growing up and she died when I was 15 years old. I was this kid who was at home watching this woman who I adored get sicker and sicker and there wasn't going to be a magic cure that came along and it pissed me off. And this record was the sound of my anger in a lot of ways," he says.

In the book, Crouse writes of the album, "'joy is fleeting' seems to be Costello's overarching message here."

Indeed, Costello taps a universal truth: Life is hard and unfair, but you have to keep rockin' on.

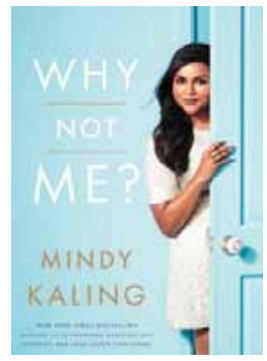
HOLLYWOOD

Mindy Kaling is an open book, again

Just because her show isn't being renewed doesn't mean you'll be seeing any less of Mindy Kaling. GETTY IMAGES

Fans may be mourning the inevitable end of The Mindy Project, but just because the show isn't being renewed doesn't mean you'll be seeing any less of Mindy Kaling. The actress/producer isn't one to sit still long and one of the projects she has in the works is the release of her second book, Why Not Me? While it's not coming out until Sept. 9, here's what we know already:

1. It will have more hilarious stories straight from Kaling's personal life. The success of Kaling's first book, Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? was largely due to her witty storytelling, and her second book will have more of those laugh-out loud moments. According to the book's description, Kaling will be sharing stories about friendship, romance and attempting to feel body confident while playing the fame game.



2. It might make you cry. While we can always count on Kaling for a good laugh, expect her to get deep this time around. Since publishing her first book, her mother passed away and Kaling is also now a godmother, a role she doesn't take lightly. No one's life is just about the punchlines, including Kaling's.

3. It will inspire you to take more risks. Kaling says the book's title, Why Not Me? is her personal motto and has been the driving force behind many of her career choices.

The book will show how she used it to accomplish things other people didn't think she could do and in turn, you'll be inspired to prove the haters in your own life wrong.

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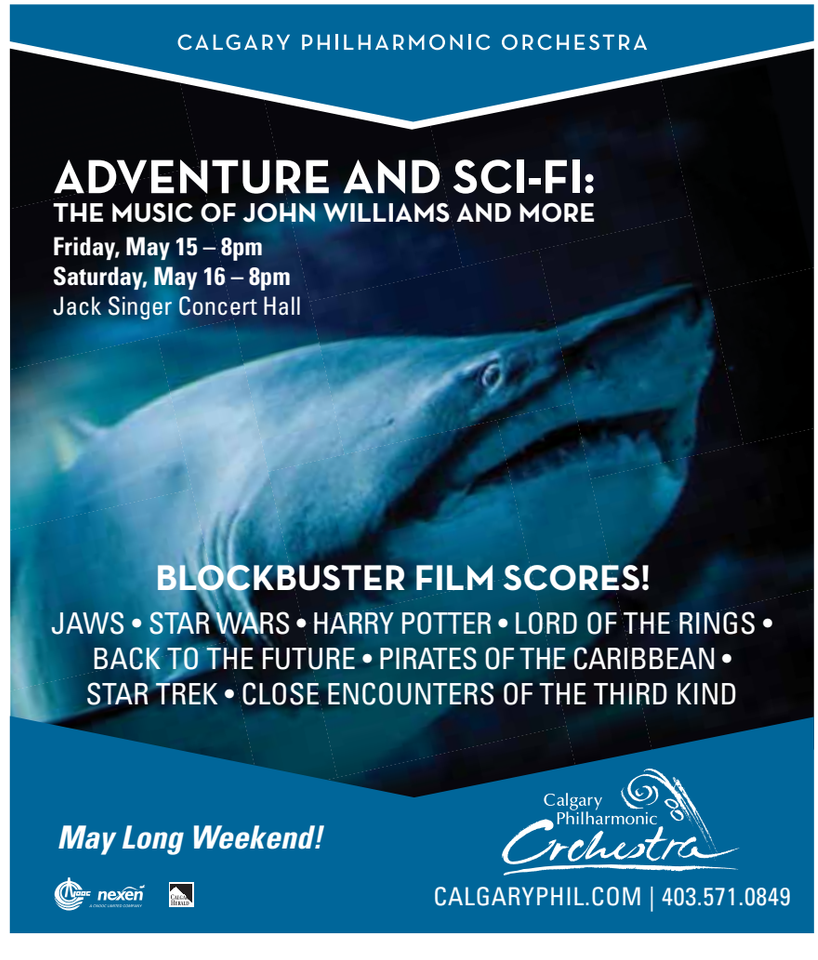
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GET FREEKEH

How to cook the latest 'it' super grain

I'm pretty sure that you need to have a weird name to qualify as a super grain. Just as you are learning how to pronounce quinoa, freekeh (free-kuh) takes its spot.

Freekeh is simply green wheat kernels that are harvested early and toasted. Legend has it that their yum factor was discovered by mistake when a Middle Eastern village was plundered and the unripe wheat field was set afire. Rather than crying over burnt wheat, it was harvested and cooked to a tasty, toasty pilaf. Take that, would-be plunderers! As luck would have it, green wheat is more nourishing than ripe wheat. It has more protein, is a resistance starch (which means it burns slowly so it won't raise your blood sugar like some other starches), and supports the good bacteria in your gut.

To cook freekeh:

- Use an almost 3:1 ratio of water or stock for a savoury dish, almond milk for a breakfast or sweet dish.
- Simmer covered for 35 to 45 minutes until the grain is at the chewiness of your liking
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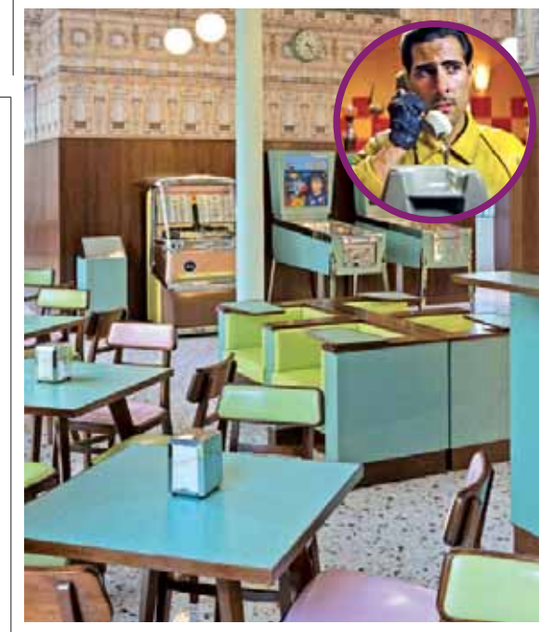

Bar Luce's whimsical decor as designed by Wes Anderson. Inset: still taken from Anderson's Castello Cavalcanti promo video starring Jason Schwartzman. CONTRIBUTED/AFP

BAR LUCE

Director draws inspiration from '50s, '60s for bar in Milan

Filmmaker Wes Anderson has designed a new bar in Milan, housed within Prada's new art and cultural institution.

Formica tables, veneered wood wall panels, pink and mint green seats, pinball machines and a jukebox are used to recreate the atmosphere of a typical Milanese café circa 1950s and '60s at Bar Luce. Or a café that would inspire a screenwriter.

"While I do think it would make a pretty good movie set, I think it would be an even better place to write a movie. I tried to make it a bar I would want to spend my own non-fictional afternoons in," Anderson said in a statement.

The director behind movies such as The Grand Budapest Hotel and The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou preserved the original structure's arched ceiling in a nod to the vaulted glass roof and arcades of the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, one of Milan's most iconic architectural landmarks and one of the world's oldest shopping centres.

> **"I tried to make it a bar I would want to spend my own non-fictional afternoons in**
> Wes Anderson

Opened over the weekend, the bar is part of the Fondazione Prada, a sprawling artistic complex and exhibition space housed within a former distillery dating from the early 1900s.

Wes Anderson fans may also recognize some of the motifs in the café from his short film Castello Cavalcanti — set in Italy in 1955 with Jason Schwartzman — as well as a Steve Zissou-themed pinball machine.

Anderson isn't the only filmmaker to parlay his cinematic visions to a brick and mortar space. In 2011, David Lynch opened an exclusive Paris nightclub called Silencio, with a private member's fee. AFP

Canada is the largest export market for California wines. ISTOCK

WINE IMPORTS

Canadians down $1 billion's worth of American wine

Canadian consumers have expressed a preference for U.S. wines over French and Italian bottles, according to new consumer reports.

That preference helped sales of American wines — mostly from California — reach a record-breaking $1 billion in 2014.

According to the Wine Institute of California, Canada is now the largest export market for California wines: Last year, Californian winemakers sold a record 6.1 million 9L cases of wine to their northerly neighbours, outpacing traditional import sources such as France, Italy, Australia, Chile, Argentina and Spain.

Analysts credit an aggressive marketing campaign, new product innovations and diverse offerings for driving sales.

For comparison, while U.S. wine sales grew at a rate of 78 per cent over the last five years, the overall wine market in Canada grew 16 per cent, says the Canadian Vintners Association. AFP

CANADIANS LIKE A GLASS, OR TWO

• Canada's wine consumption to grow at twice the rate of the rest of the world Meanwhile, another report produced by global trade group Vinexpo shows that per capita wine consumption in Canada is expected to grow at twice the rate of the rest of the world, to reach 16.4 litres per adult in 2018 — or an overall increase of nearly 8 per cent.

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SCARJO'S GOLDEN CURVES; MAD MAX INCURS MISOGYNISTIC FURY

Mathematically, Scarlett's perfect

As far as ideals of perfect physical beauty, one from all the way back in Ancient Greece seems pretty tough to argue with, yeah? That's at least what lingerie brand Bluebella seemed to be thinking when they checked to see how a bevy of female celebrities stacked up against the "Golden Ratio" of curves (1.618 for all you math nerds out there).

According to this very scientific study, Scarlett Johansson is as "close to physical perfection" as any living celebrity thanks to her ratio of 1.560. Kim Kardashian came in second, while Helen Mirren nabbed third.

MRAs calling for Mad Max boycott

It looks like word of the secret girl-power bent in Mad Max: Fury Road has reached those lovable, reasonable folks in the Men's Rights Activists movement. One blog, Return of Kings, is calling for a full-on boycott of the souped-up action movie.

"Men in America and around the world are going to be duped by explosions, fire tornadoes and desert raiders into seeing what is guaranteed to be nothing more than feminist propaganda," Aaron Clarey writes.

"Hollywood is a garbage propaganda machine which spews out this feminist drivel filth into the minds of today's young audience. Even though science has told us and proven, that men are physically stronger than women, it is nonetheless discarded by the forces driving this feminist nonsense."

Honestly, isn't this, like, the best endorsement a film can receive?

NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLYWOOD

Putting the biz in showbiz

Business ownership is the latest must-have among women on the A-List. Here are some celebs that are cashing in on their stardom. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Halle Berry Scandale Paris

The Oscar winner's line of $7 panties and $18 bras went on sale at Target stores last year. Berry wants to expand the brand into swimsuits and nightgowns, but first, Scandale Paris lingerie will be sold in more international stores later this year.

Nicki Minaj Myx Fusions

The Anaconda rapper co-owns bubbly moscato maker Myx Fusions with Mona Scott-Young, the producer of VH1's Love & Hip Hop. Myx Fusions Moscato comes in single-serve bottles and in three flavours: mango, coconut and peach. Up next for Myx Fusions: A line of fizzy sangrias.

The Jessica Simpson Collection

The singer, actress and reality TV star started her brand a decade ago. Its clothing, shoes and accessories are now sold in several department stores, including Macy's, Nordstrom and Dillard's. Her mother, Tina Simpson, is the company's creative director.

Reese Witherspoon Draper James

The star of Wild, Walk the Line and Legally Blonde fame started online shopping website Draper James last week. The company sells Southern-inspired fashions and home goods, including $125 shorts, a $155 tote bag and $175 sunglasses.

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP

More celeb women using star power to start businesses

These days, one of the most-coveted roles among A-list actresses is business owner.

Oscar winner Halle Berry is one of the latest female celebrities to start a business. She launched Scandale Paris last year, a line of lingerie sold at Target stores.

For decades, famous faces have been hired by big corporations to sell hair dye, lipstick and high-end fashion. But now, more female celebrities are taking control and starting their own businesses. It's also helping some balance career and motherhood.

"Having a business like this, I can do more work at home, be with my family," said Berry, who is co-owner and creative director of Scandale Paris. "I have two little kids now. I can't travel around the world and do a movie like I used to."

Walmart shoppers can pick up lip gloss, mascara and perfume made by Flower, a makeup brand co-owned by actress Drew Barrymore. Fitness fanatics can buy a pair of yoga tights from Fabletics, an online seller of workout gear co-founded by actress Kate Hudson.

"It's way more lucrative than making one movie a year," said Jo Piazza, author of Celebrity, Inc.: How Famous People Make Money.

Berry stumbled upon Scandale Paris during a trip to France. Founded more than 80 years ago, the brand was struggling because the undergarments were too expensive, Berry said. She called her business partner, Erik Ryd, and they bought the company. In October, Scandale's $7 panties and $18 bras began selling at Target. In France, they're sold at Carrefour.

Berry is involved with the design of the lingerie and chooses fabrics, even as she films the second season of CBS show Extant. In the next few months, Scandale Paris will be sold in Canada, Asia and more European countries.

Male stars have always had their hand in business ownership, said Piazza, but more women are getting into the game. Owning a business gives stars the potential to make more money over a longer period of time than with short-term endorsement deals. And they have a better chance of succeeding than an average small business owner, since stars come with built-in customers: Their fans.

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Barrymore was approached to start Flower by makeup company Maesa after the actress and producer's five-year endorsement deal with cosmetics company CoverGirl ended. VICTORIA WILL/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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What they're a$king

OUR CITY

Two-bedroom resale condos offer the complete urban living experience with a tad more space for couples with tiny tots or someone who is downsizing from a house. Older condo buildings also tend to offer larger floor plans. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO

$339,900

Calgary

This suite at 354-2 Ave., is in a unique setting in Crescent Heights. The two-bedroom condo comes with two underground parking stalls. Nicely renovated with new flooring, the living area is very open. A wood-burning fireplace is an added bonus. The kitchen has good counter space and lots of storage. The ensuite storage room is large and home to a full-sized stacking washer and dryer, with adequate closet space in the bedrooms and a very secluded balcony. Susan Harrigan is a sales representative for Homelife Cityscape Real Estate, 403-669-9112.

$274,900

Winnipeg

This bright and open-concept suite is in the Bridgewater Forest community. It has an oversized balcony and a kitchen with white quartz countertops and dark espresso cabinets, stainless-steel appliances, central air conditioning and ensuite laundry. Shops, golfing, and public transportation are nearby. Listing agent Chris Kenny is a sales representative with Re/Max Professionals, 204-899-4858.

$500,000

Edmonton

A stunning oasis in the sky is how this unit is described. The highrise downtown condo has both east and south-facing balconies offering panoramic views. It's within walking distance from the downtown core. The large master bedroom features a walk-in closet and ensuite. A private den off of the kitchen makes for a great office. Sheldon Johnston is a sales representative with Liv Real Estate, 780-441-5576.

$449,000

Vancouver

This suite in the trendy Mount Pleasant area, listed at $449,000, sold at press time for $444,900. Spacious and bright, it includes an updated kitchen with stainless-steel appliances and glass tile backsplash, skylights, laminate flooring, and a new bathroom. The living room has a cosy wood-burning fireplace and views of the mountains. Listing agent is Cathy Graham with Royal LePage Sussex, 604-984-9711.

$458,900

Toronto

In a superb downtown location, this boutique condo has two bedrooms and two bathrooms, with nearly 800 sq. ft. of living space. Amenities include community barbecues, a meeting room, a fitness centre and gym, and an outdoor pool. There are also guest suites, a games and party room, and 24-hour concierge service. Listing agent Alex J. Wilson is with Re/Max Condos Plus, 416-996-5181.

$284,900

Halifax

This bright, two-bedroom suite is minutes away from Bayers Lake business park and the downtown area. The open-concept layout boasts a large wraparound balcony and nine-foot ceilings. There's a spacious master bedroom with a walk-in closet. Amenities include a fitness centre with two saunas and a hot tub. Listing agent is Thomas Bagogloo from the Bagogloo Team, RE/MAX nova, 902-830-9006.

$654,900

Ottawa

A unique suite resides in the midrise and award-winning Heritage School House Lofts in Hintonburg. A blend of classical and modern architecture, this hard loft has exposed brick and timber throughout the building. With more than 1,500 sq. ft. on two levels, it's also a great entertaining space. Listing agent Kerry Millican is a sales representative with Royal LePage Team Realty, 613-290-2990.

Mini dwellings slice into Big Apple

HOUSING

Smallest units accommodate N.Y.'s varied population

New York, a city of exorbitant rents with more and more single residents, is about to get a brand new type of apartment: micro-units, for decades prohibited under zoning regulations.

A first building of 55 prefabricated studios spanning nine storeys is due to welcome its first tenants in Manhattan in the fall.

Between 260 and 370 sq. ft., they come equipped with kitchenettes, shower rooms, storage, large windows, 9-foot-6 ceilings and a Juliet balcony.

In New York, 31 per cent of the population lives alone, both young and older people, according to the statistics office.

"We don't have the stereotypical nuclear family as we used to with two parents and two children," said Tobias Oriwol, project developer at Monadnock Development, which is building the pilot.

"People are marrying later, people are divorcing, people are living longer, deciding to cohabitate," he said.

"But the housing industry keeps delivering two bedroom apartments, one bedroom apartments, three bedroom apartments, and these don't fit the needs of these new households in the city," Oriwol added.

At the Brooklyn Navy Yard, dozens of workers are building the micro-units, which will be transported by truck to the building site, which is owned by the city, at 27th Street in east Manhattan.

They will be assembled in two weeks in June. Then the roof will be put on, the brick facades added and the finishing touches added to the exterior and the layout before the first tenants arrive.

Inside each unit, everything has been meticulously thought out: In the kitchen there is a mini dishwasher, mini fridge, two hobs and a microwave, but no traditional oven.

Workers paint the interior of a modular apartment unit in Brooklyn, N.Y. AFP PHOTO/JEWEL SAMAD

Common areas

"We did a lot of research on what people wanted. We had to make choices," said Oriwol. "Our apartments are 100 per cent usable, and meant to be lived in by today's people."

The tenants, who are expected to be of all ages and backgrounds, can rent additional storage space, and have access to a large communal kitchen, a TV room, a laundry, a bike shed and a gym.

"You may not need to host 15 people in your very own apartment, but you have the ability to do so in the rest of building," Oriwol explained.

Of the studios, 22 will be classified as affordable housing while the other 33 will be offered at market price.

Studios in the neighbourhood cost around $3,200 but "because these are smaller, it makes sense they will be cheaper," said Oriwol.

In New York, regulations designed to help families have prohibited the construction of housing units smaller than 398 sq. ft. in much of the city since 1987.

Under this pilot program, then-mayor Michael Bloomberg waived the zoning regulations for the site to test the market for this new housing model.

If the project is deemed a success, many hope the regulation can be lifted altogether.

The regulation does not correspond to the needs of people today, says Sarah Watson, deputy director of the Citizens Housing Planning Council, a non-profit research organization devoted to housing problems in New York.

Supply versus demand

"Actually only 18 per cent of the households in New York City are nuclear family with all children under 25," she said.

"A third of all of the households are a single person living alone, and on the other side, about a quarter is people sharing in some way, to fit themselves into the city," she said.

Current legislation also prohibits the cohabitation of more than three people who are not related. Watson says there is a "big mismatch" between need and supply that often inflates rent.

"There are so many single people and such a small amount of well-designed studios for them that actually the price of studios are inflated," she said.

"If you artificially add five single people to share a unit then the landlord can get an lot more money for that unit."

If supply better matched demand, prices could also come down, she said. AFP

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Designers divulge relaxed style secrets

HOW TO

Meaningful bits and pieces help create laid-back look

It's a difficult compromise: Many of us want our homes to look as stylish and carefully designed as the ones we see in decorating magazines. But we also want them to be comfortable and easy to enjoy.

"A relaxed lifestyle is something people want more and more, and their homes are reflecting that," says New York City-based designer Young Huh. "The old rules of formal living, and therefore decorating, are disappearing."

Designer Kate Jackson, based in Rhode Island, receives that message from her clients.

"I am typically asked to create a space that can be used more by family and friends," she says, and to "lose whatever formality lives there."

Interior designers reveal how to do just that and achieve that perfect middle ground — gorgeous, relaxed style:

Go soft

Choose "seating that is comfortable enough to spend the entire day lounging," Huh says, with plenty of pillows, throws and ottomans.

Use slipcovers rather than structured upholstery, and opt for durable, touchable fabrics, such as washable cotton, stonewashed linen or soft burlap.

For even more softness, layer smaller rugs on top of a larger one.

To add a burst of style, Los Angeles-based interior designer Brian Patrick Flynn suggests choosing bold, graphic stripes rather than solid-colour fabrics.

"Relaxed interiors don't always involve soft, muted colours and neutrals. They can be packed with colour and still be laid back and casual," says Flynn. "I'm a huge fan of an all-white backdrop with tons of saturated colour introduced with old objects like canvas flags, old maps, and even torn and tattered handmade rugs. When the bold colour is introduced with texture and character, it adds a collected feel, almost like a sense of history."

> **"The old rules of formal living, and therefore decorating, are disappearing"**
> Designer Young Huh

Get personal

Relaxed rooms include items that have personal meaning, such as heirlooms that might be worn or tattered by time.

"Homeowners love when I incorporate special pieces that they already own into their new design," Jackson says. "Whether it's a familiar wooden box placed in the bookcase or a framed black and white photo from eras past, items of sentimental value that mingle with more modern and fresh accessories easily make a room feel special. A well-curated collection of books adds wonders and layers of personality to a room, too."

Vintage items are "like buying that perfectly comfortable worn pair of jeans without having to break them in for years," Huh says. "Imperfect, worn things in a room make you feel that you can touch everything and can withstand the wear and tear of a life that's being fully lived."

With personal mementoes and hand-me-downs, consider scale — not too many huge items or too many small ones — and combine colours or styles that work well together.

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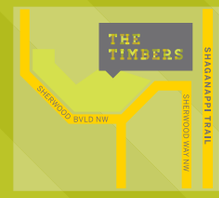

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Square-edged strip mouldings add strong architectural lines and create a focal point in a plain room. CB2.COM

Limitations can still enable style

Decorating tips for your condo or apartment that will also keep your board or landlord happy.

DESIGN CENTRE
Karl Lohnes

Q: I recently purchased a condo and would like to stamp my decor on it. What are some easy decorating investments I can make?
— Jann, via email

A: Whether a renter or condo dweller, there are limitations to what you can and cannot do when decorating and renovating your space. Here are a few decorating ideas that most landlords and condo boards are willing to allow in order to have the stylish home you have always dreamed of:

WALLS

Paint is the most inexpensive way to add drama to your home.

I suggest painting one wall a darker tone of a neutral that is already existing in your decor scheme. For instance, if you have a grey upholstered headboard then paint the wall behind it a much deeper grey. Using a high-gloss sheen paint will add an instant touch of glamour to any space.

Wall decals and peelable wallpaper are great options to add interest to bland walls and create a focal point without ruining the existing painted walls.

Adding strip moulding to a wall can give a sense of subtle architecture to a room. Use square-edged holdings for a contemporary feel and curved for traditional.

KITCHEN AND BATH

If you own your place, then updating old countertops, sinks and faucets is a great investment to consider.

Look for dark concrete-coloured counters, bronze faucets and square-shaped sinks to help give your rooms that up-to-date trendy look.

Always use licensed trade professionals to do this type of work; most condo boards have a list of preferred trades who have worked within the building and know the condo board rules when renovating.

A colourful shower curtain is the easiest way to add big impact to a rental bathroom (and it can hide chipped hubs and mouldy grout).

Match new towels and floor mats with the shower curtain for a cohesive look in a small space.

LIGHTING

Inexpensive picture lights help to illuminate artwork and wash the walls with soft light; under-cupboard lighting in a kitchen will not only be helpful when preparing food but also add a sexy glow at night.

Dimmer switches on every overhead light will put you in full control of creating the most flattering light; remember to call in a professional to do any type of hard-wiring or electrical work.

The U.S. men's 4x100 team was stripped of its silver medal from the 2012 Olympics due to Tyson Gay's doping case

Rangers close out Caps

NHL PLAYOFFS

New York completes comeback from down 3-1

Derek Stepan scored 11:24 in overtime, lifting the New York Rangers past the Washington Capitals 2-1 and into the Eastern Conference final Wednesday night.

Stepan's wrist shot from the left wing after he won a face-off — a rarity for the Rangers — capped a comeback from a 3-1 deficit in the series. The Rangers are the only team to manage that in successive years, doing the same thing to Pittsburgh in the second round in 2014.

GAME 7 In New York

NEW YORK RANGERS	WASHINGTON
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The Rangers celebrate the series-clinching goal by Derek Stepan against Capitals goalie Braden Holtby on Wednesday night in New York. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alex Ovechkin scored in the first period for Washington, which has lost five Game 7s in as many tries when leading a series 3-1. Kevin Hayes tied it in the second.

New York, which had the NHL's best record this season, will face Tampa Bay for a spot in the Stanley Cup final, where the Rangers lost to Los Angeles last spring. The series begins Saturday at Madison Square Garden.

Although the Rangers were badly outplayed early in overtime, Henrik Lundqvist stood tall in goal and the Capitals couldn't find that winning touch. That's something the Rangers seem to own in a seventh game: New York has won six in a row, including the last three series against Washington.

It was the Rangers' fourth overtime win in as many tries this year, all by 2-1 scores. It was a cruel finish for Braden Holtby, who was superb all series and made 37 saves Wednesday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Crosby relishing his role as leader

When Sidney Crosby decided to play at the world hockey championship after his Pittsburgh Penguins were ousted from the NHL playoffs, it didn't occur to him that his role on Team Canada would be much different than the last time he competed at the tournament.

Back in 2006, Crosby was a fresh-faced 18-year-old who had just finished his rookie season in the NHL. Nearly a decade later, he has two Olympic gold medals, two Hart trophies and a Stanley Cup to his name.

Sidney Crosby GETTY IMAGES

"I never thought I was going to be one of the older guys on the team," the 27-year-old Canadian captain said after practice Wednesday. "But it's kind of worked out that way."

Crosby was Canada's offensive catalyst in 2006, amassing 16 points in nine games and becoming the youngest player to win a world championship scoring title.

2009

The last time Canada won a world championship elimination game. Canada has suffered quarter-final defeats in the past five tournaments

He's still a big part of Canada's attack this year with three goals and four assists in six games, but he also provides veteran leadership for a talented but young team. That steadying presence is crucial for Canada as it heads into its quarter-final match against Belarus on Thursday.

"He has provided tremendous leadership both on the ice and off the ice, as he should," said Canada coach Todd McLellan. "He's been to so many of these events. He's won so much that guys look to him and he continues to carry that torch for our country." THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA PLAYOFFS

Hawks snatch win away from Wizards

Al Horford snatched away an offensive rebound and dropped in the winning basket with 1.9 seconds left after Dennis Schroder's drive to the basket was blocked by John Wall, giving the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks an 82-81 victory over the Washington Wizards on Wednesday night and a 3-2 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Prior to that basket, Paul Pierce sank a three-pointer to give the Wizards an 81-80 lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Al Horford scored 23 points, which included the winning basket. GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Noted labour attorney assigned Brady's appeal

Noted labour attorney Jeffrey Kessler will aid in the players' union's planned appeal of Tom Brady's suspension.

The New England Patriots quarterback was suspended by the NFL for the first four games of the 2015 season for his role in the deflating of footballs. He has until 5 p.m. EDT on Thursday to file the appeal. His lawyer, Don Yee, and the union have said they will appeal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Gonzalez leads O's to win over Blue Jays

Miguel Gonzalez scattered three singles and allowed just one unearned run while pitching into the eighth inning, and the Orioles beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-1 on Wednesday night in Baltimore.

Alejandro De Aza reached base four times for the Orioles on a single, double, hit by pitch and a walk. Rookie Rey Navarro got his first career home run with a solo shot to lead off the eighth.

Gonzalez (4-2) struck out five and walked two in 7-2/3 innings to improve to 7-2 with a 2.38 ERA in 12 career starts against Toronto.

The Blue Jays' only run came on a passed ball in the eighth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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- ¼ cup reduced-fat sour cream
- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 Tbsp whole wheat flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp baking soda
- ⅓ cup semisweet chocolate chips

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Lightly coat an 8- × 4-inch loaf pan with cooking spray.

2. Using a whisk or an electric mixer, combine the banana, oil, sugar, egg, vanilla and sour cream in a large bowl until smooth.

3. In another bowl, combine both flours, baking powder and baking soda. With a wooden spoon, stir the dry mixture into the banana mixture until the dry ingredients are just moistened. Fold in the chocolate chips.

4. Pour into the prepared pan and bake for about 30 to 35 minutes or until a tester inserted in the middle of the loaf comes out clean. Let the loaf cool in the pan on a wire rack before removing and slicing into 8 slices.

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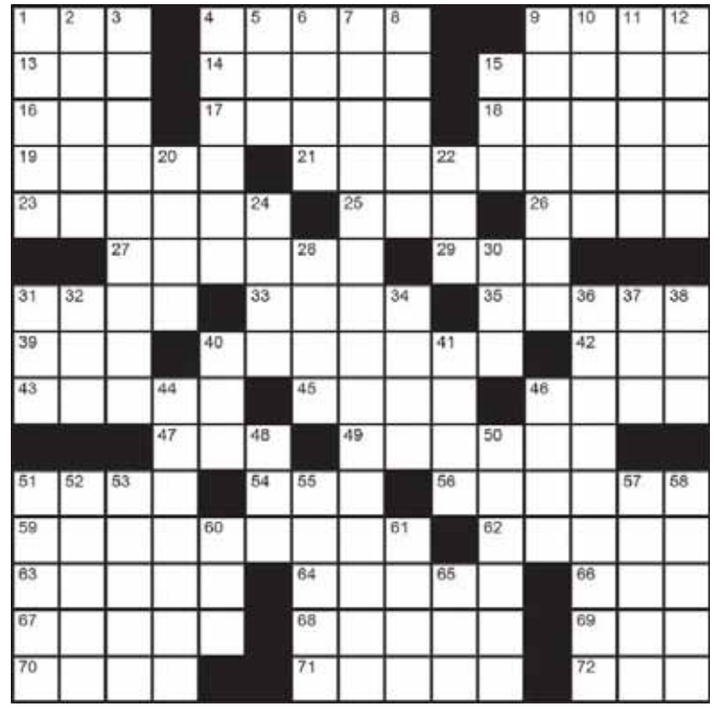

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1. Cdn. party
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13. __ Vos Prec (1920 T.S. Eliot volume of poetry)
14. Opera voice
15. Repeated words from protesters
16. Pro
17. Sonata's final movement, often
18. __ Rica
19. Japan's capital
21. "The Grand __" (2013) directed by Don McKellar
23. New York's capital
25. Bard's 'throughout'
26. Hamlet, current production at #59-Across, starring Toronto-born actor Jonathan __
27. Immerse
29. Actress Lucy
31. Grade
33. Hurrays!
35. Beginning
39. "20/20" network
40. Maritime marauders
42. __-game show
43. 2002 Denzel Washington movie: name + letter
45. "I __ __ a loss for words."
46. Garden invader
47. 'Tail'-meaning prefix
49. Early Julia Roberts movie, "__ Pizza" (1988)
51. "The cheque __ the mail.": 2 wds.
54. Viral malady
56. Skull guy in Shakespearean tragedy Hamlet
59. Ontario city known for its plays Festival
62. Pine
63. Mr. Schreiber's
64. Egypt's capital
66. Philosopher, __-tzu
67. Meg's "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993) role
68. Toward the stern
69. AC/DC song
70. Search
71. Songstress Ms. Ronstadt
72. Uh-huh

DOWN
1. Can.-US-Mex. pact
2. Salivate
3. Green area seating: 2 wds.
4. Durable
5. Mr. DiCaprio, to pals
6. Travel lodgings
7. Babylonian king's law etched onto an ancient basalt stele at the Louvre in Paris: 3 wds.
8. Wear away from weather
9. __ wedding
10. Music keyboard name
11. Fly __ _ rage
12. Pedestal
15. Gladiator's 300
20. Pull
22. www address
24. Omar's "Doctor Zhivago" (1965) role
28. Superman's mother on Krypton
30. Cyclades island
31. Former British rule in India
32. Actress, Olivia d'__
34. Stick around
36. The Comedy Network = Canadian __ channel
37. Earlier, olde-style
38. Mr. Danson
40. Alphabetic trio
41. Online crafts buying/selling site
44. Vast region of Arctic in northern Quebec
46. Undercover tapping device
48. Not on
50. Car name
51. __ Malvinas (The Falklands)
52. Author of Goosebumps stories, R.L. __
53. "I Remember Mama" (1948) star Ms. Dunne
55. Regional
57. Heavy construction lifter
58. String problems
60. The Waste Land poet's monogram
61. Sigourney Weaver role, __ Fossey
65. "Mayberry _._._" (Classic television comedy)

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You don't lack for confidence at the moment but confidence can only take you so far. At some stage you will have to deliver on all the big promises you have made, to yourself and to others.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
It may seem as if time is running out, that if you don't start something now the opportunity will pass you by. Common sense should tell you that simply isn't true. You will always get another chance, so take your time and get it right.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You are coming to the end of one of the toughest times of the year and when the Sun moves into your sign a week from now your confidence will come flooding back. Take it easy for now.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Try not to let praise go to your head today because there is a real possibility that someone is bigging you up just so they can knock you down again. Anyone who encourages you to take risks and cut corners is not to be trusted.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Something will happen over the next few days that seems like a setback, but later in the month it will become clear it was exactly the opposite, so stop worrying. Focus on the here and now.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Do not say anything you suspect may not be true. The words may not have come from you originally but the planets warn it is you who will take the blame. Never trade in gossip or hearsay.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Let others take care of you for a change. Life has been tough of late and you deserve a break — in fact you deserve a vacation. You will be working hard again soon enough.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may not be the most original member of the zodiac but you are certainly the most determined, so keep plugging away and don't worry that others seem to be doing better than you.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A problem you have been grappling with may be tough but there is a solution, so keep asking and keep searching and you will find what you are looking for in the end.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The Sun remains in the most dynamic area of your chart for one more week, which means you still have time to start something new. Pay no attention to those who counsel caution.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Family and financial issues need to be dealt with fast, before they get even more tangled. The Sun's move into your fellow Air sign of Gemini next week suggests fun times.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You seem to have a lot to say for yourself at the moment, which is fine, but if you talk too loud and too fast you may miss something worth hearing, something that could both have made you money and saved you trouble.

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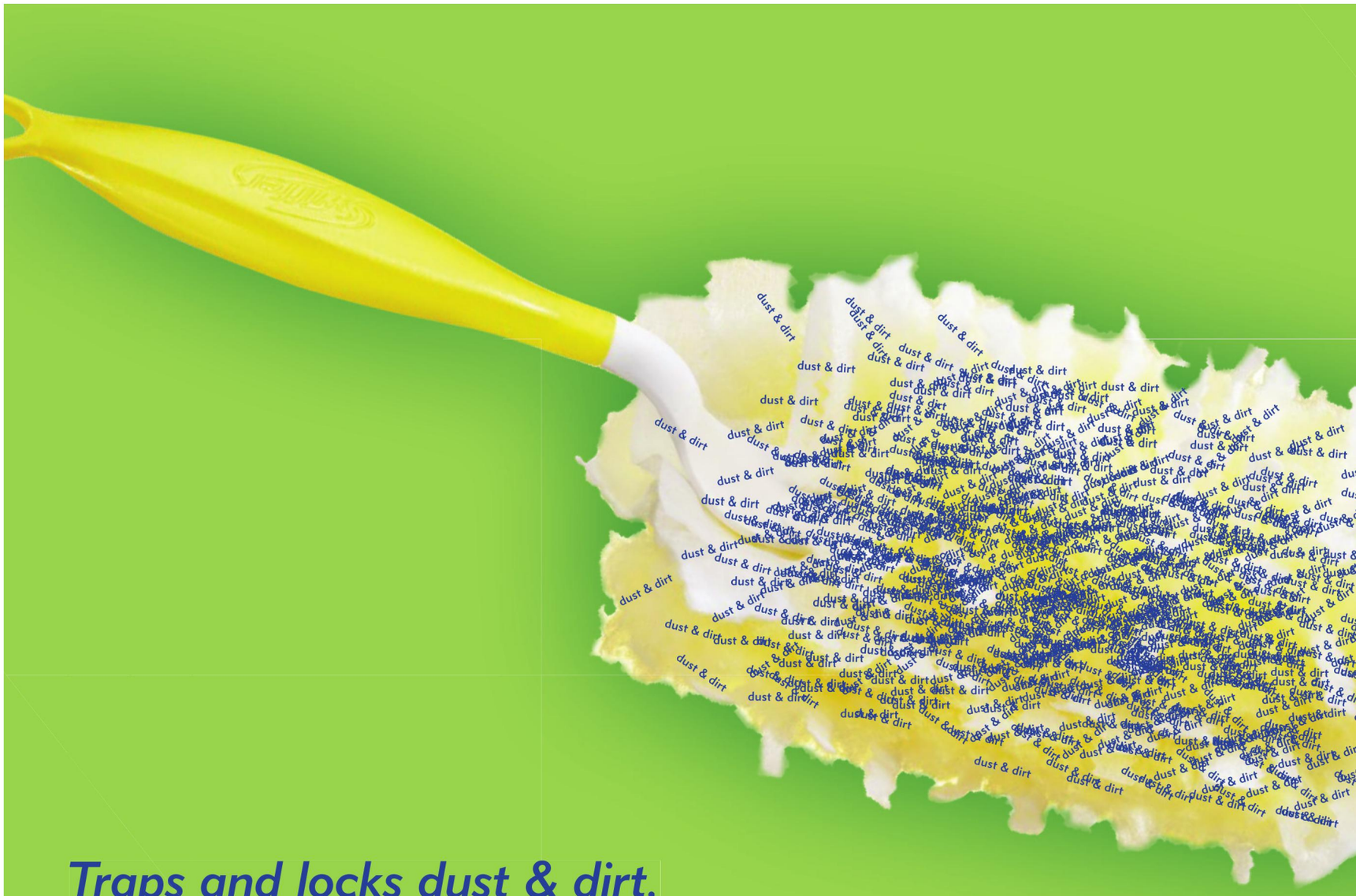

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